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HK Airlines joins growing list of carriers flying to NMI

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Hong Kong Airlines became the latest carrier to have direct flights to Saipan with its inaugural flight arriving without much fanfare yesterday. The 292-seat Airbus 330-300 landed at 1:16am at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The inaugural flight was scheduled to leave at the Chek Lap Kok International Airport in Hong Kong but got delayed for almost an hour as they

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Hong Kong Airlines
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Boongaling, center, and the local
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crew of Pacific
Oriental Inc. pose
for a group photo
in front of the logo
before the arrival
of the carrier's in-
augural flight early
Thursday morning.



Torres, Demapan want \$7.25 minimum wage by September

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) are finalizing a bill to potentially raise the local minimum wage to that of the federal level of \$7.25 by this year, jumping a couple rungs up the annual wage increases set by the federal government that would've seen the CNMI implement a \$6.55 minimum wage this Sept. 30.

» **Draft proposal seeks to accelerate federal wage transition schedule**

The Torres administration yesterday indicated its desire to have \$7.25 wage made law before this September date. The mini-

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Masseuse suffers multiple injuries in Micro Beach Hotel heist

» **Surveillance camera catches footage of suspect; victim loses \$2,000 cash**

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A masseuse suffered multiple injuries when an unidentified man allegedly beat her up and robbed her inside her room at Micro Beach Hotel in western Garapan early yesterday morning.

The suspect was described as a local male, dark skinned, about 20 to 30 years old, 5'6" tall, medium



A surveillance camera's footage shows this unidentified man entering the main entrance of Micro Beach Hotel in western Garapan early yesterday morning. The man allegedly beat up and robbed a Chinese masseuse of her \$2,000 cash inside her room at the hotel. The victim suffered multiple injuries.

built, about 170 lbs, and with bush shoulder-length hair tied up.

When the crimes happened the suspect was wearing a gray T-shirt, light colored shorts with print, a light colored baseball cap, and slippers, police said.

The victim, a 41-year-old Chinese woman, suffered several abrasions, bruises, and cuts to her face. Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services medics transported her to the Commonwealth Healthcare Center for further treatment.

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Yukari Akatsuka, secretary general of Kuentai-USA, will be the featured guest on this Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour."

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Zen Teppanyaki Restaurant, a new dining place for relaxation in Garapan, is set to open its doors on July 11.

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Responding to queries on the expenditure of contract worker-related fees meant to spur the training of the local workforce, CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero shared a chart breaking down distributions approved for the local trades school and Northern Marianas College this year, revealing remaining funds at zero dollars.

The last drawdown to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute was for \$155,898 on July 1, 2016.

The CW fund was appropriated \$1.7 million this fiscal year.

Total drawdowns for NMTI are at \$897,374. The 10 other drawdowns range from \$30,000 to \$87,000.

Labor said \$193,000 was also approved for the Department of Commerce's 2016 Prevailing Wage and Workforce Assessment Survey and \$607,766 have been approved for the local college, which prepares and presents a report on the use of these funds every year.

The release of the CW fund disbursement monitoring sheet comes after Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) wrote a July 5 letter to DeLeon Guerrero on the status of these funds, after hearing word that the depletion of funds may drastically reduce or cancel NMTI's classes.

He had asked to delineate the expenditure of these funds from the beginning of the current fiscal year to date.

DeLeon Guerrero said yes-

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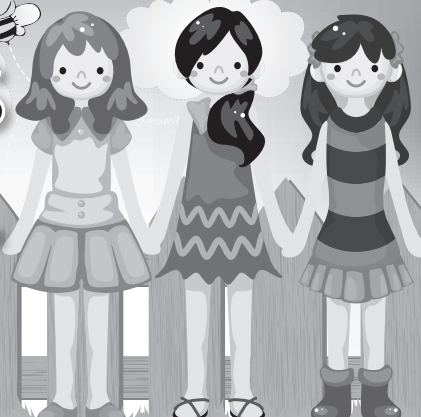



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US Congress holds hearing on Kilili's Palau bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) called for approval this year of the long overdue extension of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of Palau.

At a hearing he requested on his bipartisan legislation, approving the 15-year extension, Sablan outlined both the geopolitical rationale and the good-faith principle for the U.S. to keep its promise to its longtime Pacific ally. The Compact first went into force in 1994 with congressional approval. Palau reached agreement with U.S. negotiators on the terms of an extension in 2010, but Conges has never approved that deal.

“Congressional approval of the Palau Compact extension is long overdue,” Sablan said in his opening remarks at the hearing. “Six years overdue to be exact.

“This is no way to treat a friend. And it is no way for our nation to maintain influence in an increasingly important and contested part of the world. America must make good on her promises to Palau.”

Chairman Don Young (R-Alaska), who presided at the meeting of the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Native Alaskan Affairs, made the same point. “We have not lived up to our word,” the Chairman told Palau Ambassador Hersey Kyota, who testified at the hearing. “We sat down and cut a deal. Let’s live up to our word.”

The 2010 extension agreement provides \$216 million

in direct assistance and \$232 million in discretionary program assistance from the U.S. to Palau. The Compact grants the United States exclusive military use rights in the lands and waters of Palau.

Also questioning the witnesses yesterday were Congresswomen Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-American Samoa) and Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam), who are both cosponsors of Sablan’s bill, and Rep. Paul Cook (R-California). Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah), who heads the House Natural Resources Committee, spent time listening to the testimony, too.

Along with Ambassador Kyota, Interior Department Assistant Secretary Esther Kia’aina testified in favor of extending the Compact. Dr. David Gootnick of the Government Accountability Office provided expert testimony on the financial and technical aspects of the agreement.

Support for extension of the Palau Compact has been gathering momentum in the 114th Congress. In November 2015, Sablan, along with Bordallo and Hawai’i’s Tulsi Gabbard (D) and Mark Takai (D), made a formal request to the Department of Defense to support inclusion of the Palau Compact extension in the Fiscal 2017 National Defense Authorization Act. And Sablan followed up by introducing his legislation, H.R. 4531, in February of this year.

Senator Lisa Murkowski introduced extension approval legislation in March,

together with Senators Maria Cantwell (D-Washington) and Mazie Hirono (D-Hawai’i). Murkowski’s Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on her bill

in April.

Last month, the Defense Department wrote to both the House and Senate Armed Services committees agreeing to inclusion of the extension

in the Defense Authorization, the approach recommended by Sablan, Bordallo, Gabbard, and Takai. And Senator Hirono successfully added language to that bill during

debate on the Senate floor, expressing the sense of Congress that the Palau issue must be resolved.

In the absence of approval

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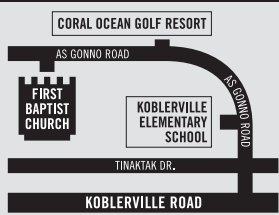
Pictured is Mr Quinton Muna, of Kevin's Market and Anicia Malek during the \$1000 cash prize presentation.

Another big \$1000 lottery prize was won this week at Kevin's Market in Chalan Kanoa in the NMSA Instant Lottery. The lucky lady who wishes to remain anonymous bought her 'Cash to Go' instant lottery tickets and put them in her hand bag to play later. While at the gas station and sitting in the car while gas the being filled she scratched her tickets when all of a sudden she matched three \$1000 amounts and won a huge \$1000 cash prize instantly. She nearly hit the car roof with excitement. Asked for a comment she said; "it feels like a blessing and I deserve it". The NMSA games are fun, fast and exciting! You could be the next lucky winner so support our sports and get your tickets now!

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'Time to bring WWII Japanese soldiers' remains home'

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REPORTER

Members of Japanese non-profit group Kuentai was just going to hold a Shinto Buddhist ritual blessing the souls of those who died on Saipan during World War II. But before the ceremony started, a local resident approached them and presented human remains they found at their yard.

Achugao resident Ramon P. Crisostomo was the one who found the remains, believed to be a soldier or civilian who died during the U.S. campaign to liberate Saipan in one of the bloodiest battles 72 years ago.

"I live here in Achugao, just behind Aqua Resort Club. A lot of remains have been recovered in this area. Even my father, he helped in finding remains here in the late 1960s," said Crisostomo, who decided to give the human remains to Kuentai when he found out there were coming to Saipan.

"We continue to find remains here. That's why I waited for them when I learned that they are coming over to hold a ceremony. I want the soul of that person to have peace, his remains put in a proper place, and his or her family pay their respects," he added.

"Even in the past, Japa-

nese groups come to Saipan and look for remains of their soldiers who died in World War II. Now, they are looking for the remains of both Japanese and U.S. soldiers or civilians who died here," Crisostomo said.

Being a former serviceman in the U.S. military, he knows how families feel if their loved ones' remains are not given the proper burial. "Kuentai's advocacy is for both sides. They wanted to find the remains of persons who died in World War II and are still missing."

"It is time to bring them back to their homeland and given a proper burial. Collect their remains, cremate

them, and bring them to their relatives. They also go to Europe, Korea, and other parts of Asia and the Pacific," said Crisostomo.

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog said World War II is a dark part of history where the U.S. and Japan fought for their respective causes. "It is a part of history that cannot be forgotten. Both sides fought for each of their causes but we worked for peace."

"I applaud Kuentai for their work in searching for these remains that's why I'm asking the support of all agencies to help them in their recovery efforts," said Hocog. The Department of Public Lands and the His-

toric Preservation Office are two of the agencies that would assist Kuentai.

Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura said the horrors of World War II must not be forgotten. "We honor the war dead, all of those who died in the war. Most of all, we must value the preciousness of peace for the next generation."

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said healing the wounds of war takes time. It is a process that takes time, patience, understanding, and a lot of support. Without a doubt, today's ceremony is inclusive of the process of healing."

"It is sometimes difficult to recollect the events of the past but it is necessary for the proves to bring everyone to accept some closure. I wish the process was easier and simpler but you and I know it is not."

Apatang added that the ceremony is also symbolic of the lasting bond of peace. "Today's ceremony continues the effort of picking up the pieces and rebuilding a bond that only promotes peace and goodwill."

Overall, more than 55,000 died during the Battle of Saipan with 28,000 Japanese and close to 500 U.S. remains yet to be recovered.

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The victim's purse containing over \$2,000 cash was stolen.

When *Saipan Tribune* visited the hotel yesterday afternoon, the victim was lying on her bed. Some of her Chinese female friends and neighbors were attending to her.

The surveillance camera captured a clear footage of the suspect along with the victim upon entering the hotel's main entrance on the ground floor.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason

Tarkong said that at 2:17am yesterday, police responded to Micro Beach and met with the victim, who reported that she was assaulted and robbed inside her room.

Tarkong said the hotel's surveillance camera's footage shows that the victim and the suspect walked into the lobby of Micro Beach Hotel at 1:56am.

The victim took the suspect to her room located on the third floor to offer him a massage.

Once in the room, the suspect attacked her and struck her on the face. The suspect punched the victim several times, causing her to lose con-

sciousness.

When the victim later regained consciousness, she noticed that her cabinet was open and personal items were scattered on the floor. Her purse containing money was also stolen.

Tarkong said witnesses saw the suspect fleeing down the alley between the JJ Commercial Building and Micro Beach Hotel. The suspect was last seen running east of Micro Beach Road.

A hotel employee said she saw the victim and the suspect when they entered the hotel.

The employee said about 30 minutes later, she was

surprised when she saw the bloodied crying victim coming downstairs accompanied by a couple who are staying next to the victim's room. The employee said she then called the police.

Saipan Tribune learned from hotel employees that the suspect fled the hotel either using the door in the back of the building or jumping into the stairs of another adjacent building.

Crime Stoppers and DPS are seeking the public's help to solve this case, said Tarkong, who is also coordinator for the NMI Crime Stoppers Program.

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of the extension, Congress has instead been giving Palau \$13 million in annual assistance through the appropriations process.

Sablan's bill makes up for the money that Palau has lost because of this year-by-year funding arrangement.

"My bill seeks to make

Palau whole for the financial assistance it would have received had the extension been approved in 2010," he explained at the hearing. H.R. 4351 would provide immediate and substantial U.S. investments to the Palau Trust Fund and Palau's infrastructure, back these investments with the full faith and credit of the U.S., and make adjustments for inflation. (PR)

CARRIERS

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prevented four passengers to get on the plane

Hong Kong Airlines Saipan Station Airport Services supervisor May Joan Cabrera Boongaling said the flight was only 46 minutes delayed from its expected time of arrival of 12:30am.

"They have to offload four passengers on the flight since one will have an expired passport if they arrive here on Saipan," said Boongaling, who added that this is Hong Kong Airlines' first station that is under the United States.

"Hong Kong Airlines started flying mostly in Chinese cities before offering flights to Australia and Canada. Central office wanted to penetrate the U.S. market that's why we wanted to put our best foot forward," Boongaling.

"They carefully planned and put more attention for the inaugural flight. We wanted to make a good impression. The inaugural flight went smoothly, except for that incident where we have to offload some passengers," she added.

"We have twice a week flights, inbound and outbound, and right now we're booked for the month of July. Management will carefully study if it's possible to add a few more flights here

on Saipan but for sure we are planning to have routes in key cities in the mainland U.S. soon," said Boongaling.

Most of the 290 plus passengers are families looking to spend some quality time at the beach and tourists who wanted to try playing in some of the island's gaming facilities. They booked their tour packages with Hong Kong travel agents.

Boongaling is Hong Kong Airlines' lone representative on Saipan, while a number of staff from their central office were on the island for a few weeks to train personnel from Pacific Oriental, Inc., HK Airlines' partner in ground handling.

"They just assisted in training POI staff in getting familiar with the system used when passengers check in, and handling and loading cargo," Boongaling said.

POI Airport Service supervisor Vic Reyes said this is the sixth airline company that they partnered with. Korean carriers Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and Jin Air, China Eastern, and Philippine Airlines Express are the others. He added that POI has enough staff to fulfill its obligations.

"So far we're still good in handling all six airlines. We have enough staff to assist the passengers and work on the said air carriers. If each of them increased its flights then we will surely add more personnel," said Reyes.

WAGE

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mum wage now is \$6.05.

"We are in the process of finalizing the language of the proposed legislation," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "At this point, the proposal is to increase the minimum wage to the national level of \$7.25. However, for construction workers, we are looking at data to see if it would serve more beneficial to peg the minimum wage for construction at the prevailing wage rate of \$6.73."

Administrative sources say raising the construction wage to the prevailing wage could help eliminate any salary cost reasons construction companies cite in pursuing contract worker visas over H-visa workers, who must be paid prevailing wages. The prevailing wage rate could incentivize the pursuit of H-visas, over contract worker visas, administration sources also say, a move that Torres and business leaders have stressed to relieve the strain on the limited quota on contract workers in the Commonwealth.

The Torres administration, in a statement yesterday, said

the drafted legislation will increase the local minimum wage ahead of the federal transition schedule and that Torres looks forward to its "introduction and passage prior to the 50-cent increase this September."

"This is the opportune time to increase the minimum wage," said Torres in a statement yesterday. "With the increased economic activity and additional investments in the CNMI, increasing wages will improve the livelihood of workers and balance the needs amongst the private sector."

"We are currently working with Rep. Angel Demapan to introduce legislation and have already drafted language together to move forward with the process," the governor added.

Signed into law on May 2007 by U.S. Congress, the Fair Minimum Wage Act allowed for the transition of the Commonwealth to the federal minimum wage on alternate timetables.

The law mandates the CNMI to increase its minimum wage by 50 cents annually until it reaches the federal minimum wage floor of \$7.25 an hour. Currently, the CNMI minimum wage is

\$6.05 an hour.

Last September, Demapan, the chair of the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs, had expressed opposition to delaying the minimum wage increase.

Demapan says the draft legislation aims to encourage the equity and fairness amongst employees and employers as the Commonwealth slowly comes out its economic downturn.

"There is so much new data and developments to consider. The prevailing wage study and the latest GDP figures support efforts toward economic growth and shows promising signs for the future of our economy. In addition to establishing equity, increasing the minimum wage will also bolster employee confidence in the workplace," Demapan said.

The announcement of a push for a raise of the local minimum wage ahead of the federal wage transition schedule comes a day after *Saipan Tribune* first revealed the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's openness to such a jump up in the transition schedule.

In an interview Wednesday, Chamber president Velma Pa-

lacios said the business group would "definitely" support a raise in minimum wage.

"Most people are already paying that \$7.25," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "At the Chamber, our starting is \$8. But in order to compete, we need to increase our wages."

In the interview, Palacios largely defended local business' wage practices, saying businesses are not "suppressing" wages, as some believe.

The criticism is largely borne out from those who would prefer that the contract worker program to end, without extension, in 2019 and say that businesses prefer the "cheap" labor of this program over attracting local or U.S. workers at higher pay scales.

Palacios believes businesses are increasing wages because of the higher wages the Saipan casino, Best Sunshine International, Ltd., has been offering, so they can keep their employees in place.

"It's competitive right now. Everybody's looking for people, for workforce. You want to maintain, retain your employees and the only thing is wage, benefits, and all that. So a lot of people are not paying that \$6.05," she said on Wednesday.

Charge vs co-defendant in false statement in passport application case dismissed

The federal court on Wednesday granted the U.S. government's motion to dismiss without prejudice an indictment charging a woman for aiding a mother who provided false statement in an application for a U.S. passport for her minor daughter.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed without prejudice the indictment charging Yan Juan Hu Taitano with false statement in application for U.S. passport.

Dismissal without prejudice means the U.S. government may re-file the case against Taitano in the future.

The judge issued the order following assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing's motion to dismiss the indictment.

Lorfing said the U.S. government cannot assure the presence of an essential witness at trial.

"Without the testimony of this essential witness, the government submits that it would not be able to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt," Lorfing said.

Last June 27, Manglona slapped Taitano's co-defendant, Yu Zhou, with a one-year probation sentence for providing false statement in an application for a U.S. passport for her minor daughter.

Manglona also ordered Yu Zou to pay a \$5,000 fine and \$100 in court assessment fee, among other conditions.

At a change of plea hearing last June 17, Zou waived the required investigation by the U.S. Probation for a presentence investigation report due to her eagerness to return back to her very young children in China.

At the sentencing hearing, Manglona ordered Zou's passport and her child's passport to be returned to her.

Lorfing then disclosed that the U.S. government had just served subpoena on Zou in order to secure her testimony for the upcoming trial of her co-defendant, Taitano, in this case.

According to the indictment, on Dec. 3, 2014 on Saipan, Zou and Taitano knowingly made a false statement in the application for a U.S. passport for the minor child.

In the application, Zou, allegedly aided by Taitano, stated that she had never been married, "which statements she then and there well knew to be false." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Off-duty cop arrests suspected robber during chase

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An alert off-duty police officer chased and arrested a habitual offender who allegedly had just robbed a mother and her daughter who were walking toward Payless Supermarket along Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa on Tuesday night.

Jeremiah P. Seman, 32, was arrested for robbery, obstructing justice, and disturbing the peace.

The 49-year-old woman

» **Cops recover victims' wallet, suspect's outfit during robbery**

and her 22-year-old daughter were not injured. They positively identified Seman as the person who grabbed their Marc Jacobs wallet containing \$200 in cash, a First Hawaiian Bank card, and a CNMI driver's license.

An assisting police officer recovered the victim's Marc Jacobs wallet along with its contents just a few feet from Jin's Apartment in Susupe, where off-duty police officer Ralph Rangamar apprehended Seman.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$11,250 cash bail on Seman and appointed assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit as his counsel.

Preliminary hearing will be on July 12 at 1:30pm.

Police Detective Myron O. Laniyo stated in his report that on Tuesday at 8:32pm, police officers responded to a robbery incident that occurred along Beach Road in front of Payless Supermarket.

Laniyo said investigation showed that the victims had just left their home at Tasi Homes by Sugar Dock and were walking along Beach Road heading to Payless Supermarket.

The suspect, who was later identified as Seman, came out of the jungle area by the former King's Photo Shop and grabbed the wallet from the mother.

Seman then ran into the jungle area north of Payless Supermarket.

The 22-year-old daughter said she and her mother struggled with the suspect for possession of the wallet for a few seconds that's why she managed to get a good look of the robber.

At 8:32pm that same night, off-duty officer Rangamar had just got off from work and was driving a police vehicle south on Texas Road in Susupe when he heard the information from DPS Central Dispatch about the robbery.

Rangamar quickly made his way to Knight Street by Shirley's Coffee Shop in Chalan Kanoa, where he spotted a man riding a bicycle and crossing over Beach Road from Sugar Dock, heading east toward his direction.

Rangamar noted that the man was only wearing red

shorts and was standing up while pedaling his mountain bike in a fast manner.

As the man came closer to Rangamar's police vehicle, he sat down and slowed his pedaling. Rangamar recognized the man as Seman, whom he encountered numerous times in the past for theft crimes and domestic violence incidents.

Rangamar observed that Seman was breathing hard and was sweating all over his body.

Rangamar saw a wallet under Seman's right hand, on the handle bar of the bicycle.

Rangamar immediately called Seman to stop, but the

suspect instead stood up again and began to pedal hard, heading east.

Rangamar turned his police vehicle around and called DPS dispatch that he was in pursuit of Seman.

Rangamar used the police vehicle to block Seman twice, but the suspect refused to stop and maneuvered his bicycle around the police vehicle.

During the pursuit, the officer repeatedly yelled out to Seman to stop, but he would yell back to leave him alone as he did not do anything.

As Rangamar blocked the police vehicle near Jin's Apartment in Susupe, Seman turned into the parking area of the apartment. Upon noticing he was in a fenced area, Seman got off the bicycle and started to climb the fence.

Rangamar, however, pulled him down and apprehended him.

Another police officer transported the two victims to Jin's Apartment to identify the suspect. The victims identified Seman as the suspect through his face and beard.

The victims, however, noted that during the snatching, Seman was wearing a red sleeveless shirt, a hat, and a pair of shorts, but at that time, he was not wearing a shirt or hat.

As one officer recovered the victims' wallet and its contents a few feet from where Seman was arrested, two other officers went back to the crime scene.

One officer later found a red sleeveless T-shirt and a gray or faded black hat along with checkered shorts in the grassy area directly in front of former King's Photo Shop.

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Judge denies govt motion to substitute itself as defendant in Christian's suit

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The federal court yesterday denied the CNMI government's motion to substitute itself for Dr. Francois Claassens and Rota Department of Public Safety director Eusebio Manglona as defendant in a lawsuit filed by Kaye Christian, a woman who was diagnosed to have a mental illness and is suing the government and others for allegedly handcuffing her before injecting her with medication.

U.S. District Court for the

NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that because the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act and the Patient's Rights Act create private rights of action, and the Reform Act is not the exclusive means of enforcing private rights of action against individuals, the Commonwealth cannot substitute itself for Claassens and Manglona.

In a nine-page ruling, Manglona noted that when a CNMI government employee or the Commonwealth commits a negligent act within the scope of his office or employment,

the Commonwealth waives its immunity to suit—with certain exceptions and limitations—to the injured plaintiff.

However, the judge pointed out, because the Commonwealth routinely fails to pay judgments entered against it and caps damages at \$200,000, plaintiffs sometimes bring suit against a CNMI employee in his individual—and therefore unlimited—capacity, even when the employee was acting within the scope of his official authority.

Manglona said to sidestep such cases and the resulting

expense of defending multiple employees in the same lawsuit, the legislature passed the Commonwealth Employees' Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act of 2006 (Reform Act).

The Reform Act allows the CNMI to be substituted in place of its employees in individual capacity lawsuits upon certification of the Attorney General that the employee was acting within the scope of his office or employment.

However, the judge said, the Reform Act is not the exclusive remedy for causes of ac-

tion created by other statutes.

"In other words, if another statute creates a private right of action, then the plaintiff suing to enforce that statute is not bound by the Reform Act," she pointed out.

In Christian's lawsuit, the CNMI seeks to substitute itself in the place of defendants Claassens and Manglona in their individual capacities as to three claims of the complaint for alleged violations of the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act and the Patient's Rights Act.

In her opposition, Christian, through counsel, argues that both statutes create a private cause of action.

In agreeing with Christian, Manglona said because the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act and the Patient's Rights Act each create a private right of action, the Reform Act does not provide the exclusive remedy for Christian's alleged harms.

According to court documents, Christian sued Claassens and then-police sergeant and now DPS Rota director Eusebio Manglona for their role in her involuntary civil detention from Dec. 31, 2013 to Jan. 3, 2014.

Christian alleges that Eusebio Manglona seized her from her home without cause and brought her to the Rota Health Center, where Claassens, the resident physician, improperly ordered her to be detained for a mental health evaluation.

In one claim, Christian seeks damages from Claassens because he allegedly "illegally detained plaintiff in violation of her rights under the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act, by involuntarily

detaining plaintiff when she was not a danger to herself or others and there was no recent overt act within the prior 24 hours that plaintiff was a danger to herself or others."

In the other claim, Christian asserts that Eusebio Manglona and Claassens are liable for damages because they allegedly "chemically restrain[ed] plaintiff [and] deprived plaintiff of her right to be free from chemical restraint [as] protected by the Patient's Rights Act."

In the third claim, Christian seeks damages against Eusebio Manglona for allegedly "handcuffing plaintiff to the bed at the Rota Health Center and holding plaintiff down while defendant Claassens administered shots, depriving plaintiff of her right to be free from physical restraint [as protected by the Patient's Rights Act]."

In denying the CNMI government's motion, Manglona said constitutional claims and claims based on a statute that creates a private cause of action are not precluded by the Reform Act, which means that this substitution pursuant to that Act would be improper.

The judge said if the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act and the Patient's Rights Act establish a private right of action, substitution is improper and must be denied regardless of whether Eusebio Manglona and Claassens were acting in an official capacity.

Aside from Claassens and Eusebio Manglona, Christian, through counsels Jeanne H. Rayphand and Matthew Holley, also sued the CNMI government and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

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ON RENEWAL OF COE:

Guerrero: Board entitled to privacy



JON PEREZ

CNMI State Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, right, listens to a report by Public School System comptroller Perlie Santos in yesterday's special board meeting at the Office of Pupil Transportation conference room in Lower Base.

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REPORTER

CNMI State Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero reaffirmed their right of keeping things private in the evaluation process of Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, whose contract is up for renewal next month.

Guerrero made the statement after Tanapag Middle School Parent-Teacher-Stu-

dent Association president Kodep Ogumoro questioned the board's transparency in evaluating Sablan, who was appointed by the BOE as commissioner in 2009.

The BOE chair said that the evaluation process remains the same that's why he's surprised why is it a big deal now. "Why are we making a big deal of this thing? In the past we publish that we're going to evaluate if ever the commissioner's contract coming up."

"Now there are people who are saying that they are part of the selection process and evaluation. I'm sorry but the constitution is very clear that the board appoints the commissioner and are entitled to be given the privacy," said Guerrero.

The CNMI Constitution empowers the BOE to hire and fire the PSS commissioner and approves the guidelines on the evaluation process.

"If we violated her privacy to be evaluated then we are opening ourselves for legal challenges and be sued. In a lot of sense, I know what he's saying of not giving the information. But what is the difference? We haven't changed the evaluation process the last time," Guerrero added.

He said part of the process is informing the commissioner that her contract is up for renewal. The BOE has also asked Sablan to submit her goals and objectives, her accomplishment, and new goals that she wanted if renewed.

"It is a three-part component that she needs to submit. And she's been consistent in providing those things to the board. We believe we could finish the evaluation before August," Guerrero said.

"The documents are there and I don't know what Kodep wants. I think he just wants to be part of the process but he can't be part of it because he's

not a member of the board. And non-voting members can't vote in the evaluation process but can only make comments."

Marylou S. Ada and Janice A. Tenorio (Saipan), Florine M. Hofschneider (Tinian), and Denise Tanya R. King (Rota) are the other elected BOE members that can vote aside from Guerrero.

Guerrero said that they also appointed Mt. Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero to head the adhoc committee in evaluating Sablan's performance. "But the committee didn't do anything, so what am I supposed to do?"

"I can't establish another committee and the board is the only one that has the authority to recommend one to be created. [Deleon Guerrero] was appointed but he's been busy with MCS that's why he has no time to do it."

Guerrero said now they have to do everything in Executive Session. "Right now, we're trying to have a timeline but we have to do everything in Executive session. We have to evaluate the commissioner based on her job description, goals, and objectives that she submitted the last time we evaluated her."

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Yukari Akatsuka, secretary general of Kuentai-USA, will be the featured guest on this Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour."

Kuentai-USA is an NGO committed to recovering the remains of missing U.S. service personnel killed in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Its sister organization Kuentai-Japan, recovers the remains of Japanese war dead.

Akatsuka will discuss Kuentai's work on Saipan, which, for the past few years, has focused on the Achugao area north of Tanapag Village.

Achugao was the scene of fierce fighting during the early morning hours of July 7, 1944 when more than 4,000 Japanese troops launched a "gyokusai" charge that overwhelmed two battalions of the 27th U.S. Infantry Division.

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on July 14

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Akatsuka

The battle claimed the lives of 400 U.S. troops and almost all of the Japanese participants.

Japanese casualties were buried in mass graves on the battlefield. U.S. war dead were collected and buried in a divisional cemetery, but several dozen men were never found and are still listed as missing in action (MIA).

Kuentai-USA has discovered several sets of remains that have been positively identified as being those of U.S. MIAs. Akatsuka will discuss Kuentai's plans to continue work at Achugao and other locations in the CNMI.

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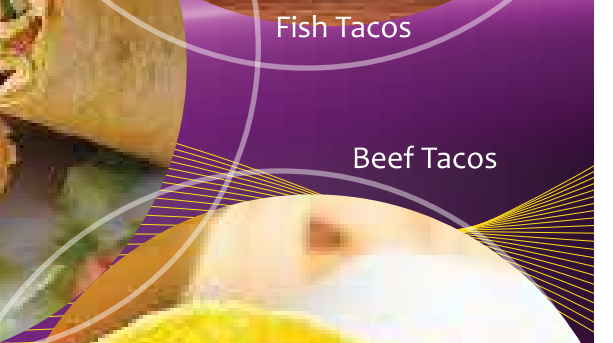
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Master blacksmith says blacksmithing is a good career

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Master blacksmith Francisco Cruz Lizama said a good alternative career is what blacksmithing offers to those who want to learn the trade. The 74-year-old has almost 30 years of experience being a blacksmith.

“This is a good career because one good machete costs about \$500. The good machetes can last for generations, I have a machete at home that is more than 70

years old and it was handed over by my grandfather to my father,” said Lizama.

“A good machete sings when you flick the blade. You can hear there’s the ding and that would last a lifetime where you could use it cracking open coconuts, cleaning the yard, and any other household work,” Lizama added.

He said that he worked hard before the start of the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts where he made 20 machetes, which were all bought during the two-week long quadrenni-

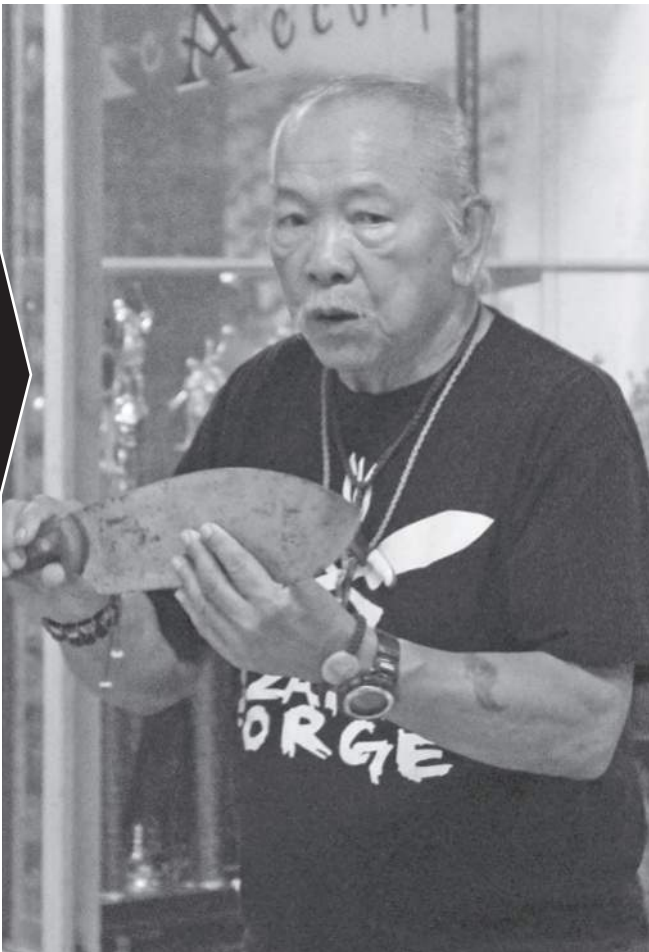
al event attended by 28 island nations in the Pacific.

Aside from machetes, knives, and other tools that can be used for gardening and farming, Lizama also makes six other types of tools that the Chamorros use. These are the *teras pugua* (betel nut scissors), *fisga* (pronged fishing spear), *si’i* (tool for preparing weaving materials), *so soh* (coconut meat extractor), *kamyo’* (coconut grater), and *fusiños* (garden hoe).

Lizama said it takes him three days to make one ma-

chete with the car’s leaf spring as the best metal that can be used to make sure the blade is strong and sharp. “The best leaf spring metal to use is from cars in 1957 or older. And there are plenty

JON PEREZ
Francisco Cruz Lizama shows off one of the machetes that he forged during the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam. Guam’s master blacksmith was on Saipan last week as part of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council’s cultural awareness program.



of those in salvage yards in Guam.”

The former fire chief said that it’s not easy work in creating one piece of tool. “It’s very hot just making one tool. When you’re working with metal, coal, and fire. You have to endure the 800-degree heat so you need to get used to it.”

He said blacksmithing became his career ever since he entered the U.S. Armed Service. “I learned from master blacksmith [Tun Joaquin] Jack Lujan, he taught me how to become a blacksmith. From then on I started working with metal and continued doing

when I came home in Guam after my service.”

Lizama said that he spent more than 600 hours—that spanned four years—as an apprentice under Lujan’s strict guidance. The anvil, furnace, and hammer, are some of the tools used by Lizama and other blacksmiths in their metal craft.

He was on Saipan as part of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council’s project, in cooperation with the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, in promoting awareness in the CNMI’s indigenous culture.

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The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

D. Adoption of Minutes –April 26-28, 2016 and May 12, 2016

II. REPORTS:

A. Report by the Chairman

B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Casino Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) - Update

B. Commission Future Office Facility Plans

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Casino Key Employee – Provisional License: 1) **Chao, C.T.**; 2) **Leong, W.W.**; 3) **Luong, C.H.**; 4) **Ng, K.F.G.**; 5) **Saw, C.H.**; 6) **Tan, J.H.**; 7) **Teng, S.I.**; 8) **Wong, K.Y.**; and 9) **Yu, C.F.**

B. Recommendations by the Chairman – Action Plan

C. Consideration of comments on Casino Regulations

D. Permanent Adoption of Casino Regulations (as amended)

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Report by the Legal Counsel

B. Casino Licensee – Consolidated Balance Sheet as of May 2016 and other Financial Matters

C. Commission Personnel Matters

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

Guam Rotarians help NMTI project for Maturana Sisters

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REPORTER

Three Rotary clubs from Guam did their share in providing assistance for the rebuilding project planned by Northern Marianas Trades Institute students of the Maturana House of Prayer in Navy Hill. Maturana serves as the sisters' home and retirement home for older nuns.

Information posted on the Rotary Club of Saipan's Facebook page had the Rotary Club of Guam, Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, and Rotary Club of Northern Guam raise \$16,500 that they donated to help in Maturana's rebuilding efforts.

Rotary Club of Saipan assisted in presenting the check to NMTI chief executive

officer and Saipan Rotarian Agnes McPhetres during their meeting last Tuesday at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's restaurant.

Mercedarian Missionaries of Bériz Sisters Stella Ifenuk and Martha Ramarui were also at the check presentation. MMB operates the House of Maturana that was damaged last year by Typhoon Soudelor.

Rotary Club of Guam president Michelle D. Bordallo, in a letter, said the money is the Guam Rotarians' part in helping the efforts to rebuild the Mercedarian Sisters' home in Navy Hill.

"We are pleased to support the efforts of NMTI in using its resources and the students to enhance their skills while giving back to the community," said Bordallo, the 2015-

2016 president of the Rotary Club of Guam.

"We hope that our contribution goes a long way to assist in the purchase of materials and supplies needed for this particular project. We value the work that NMTI provides to its community and we look forward to hearing about the progress of the rebuilding efforts," she added.

NMTI's carpentry and construction class of instructor Mike Vargas are going to help in rebuilding the facilities at Maturana that were damaged by Soudelor. They had already inspected the damages, listed down the materials needed and the estimated cost, and also made plans.

Maturana is open not only to Catholics but also for other Christian groups on Saipan



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Northern Marianas Trades Institute chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres, second right, accepts the check with the amount pooled together by the three Rotary Clubs in Guam. Rotary Club of Saipan, headed by president Ivan Ilmov, left, assisted in the check presentation. The money will be used in the rebuilding and repair projects of several facilities at the Maturana House of Prayer in Navy Hill.


that want to use the facility for prayer meetings, workshops, and retreat.

The Rotary Club of Saipan has also inducted its new set of officers led by president Ivan Ilmov along with Tom Thorn-


burgh (president-elect), Brian Clayton (vice president), Elitza Stoilova (secretary), Norbert Sablan (treasurer), and Wayne Gillespie (sergeant-at-arms).

Laila Boyer (club services), Sonya Dancoe (community),

Wendell Posadasnera (vocational), former president Curtis Dancoe (international), Sapuro Rayphand (new generation), and Pete Shilling (foundational) are the Saipan Rotary's service directors.



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Cleaning Services for NMHC's Central Office (Saipan)

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor Hocog, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested licensed companies to provide cleaning services for NMHC's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning **July 5, 2016** at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI and austerity holidays.

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in 2005-2148 for the Mariana Islands.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at **9:00 a.m. on July 11, 2016**, at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **NMHC IFB 2016-016**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill (Former EMO Office), Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, July 21, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, July 21, 2016** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service no later than **July 21, 2016**. AND the ITB documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive no later than **August 1, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m., local time, August 2, 2016**. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m., local time, July 21, 2016**.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

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This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

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For information, contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

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NASA's Juno boldly goes to a planet far away

On the Fourth of July, NASA's Juno spacecraft was the source of a light show that put to shame anything happening on the planet of its origin.

After Juno's five-year, 1.8 billion-mile trek, NASA scientists initiated a 35-minute engine burn to slow the solar-powered spacecraft from its 40 miles-per-second trajectory to one that would allow it to be captured by Jupiter's gravity.

Some engineers have described it as the trickiest maneuver NASA has ever attempted with any mission. Jupiter has the most formidable magnetic fields and radiation belts human technology has ever encountered, so there was a high probability of failure for the \$1.1 billion mission. NASA prepared as best it could for the maneuver by encasing Juno's most important instruments behind titanium-reinforced walls designed to hold up for the length of the mission.

At Mission Control, nervousness gave way to celebration once Juno confirmed it had survived the high-speed rendezvous with the oldest and largest planet in our solar system. Juno slowed its speed from 165,000 mph to a manageable 130,000 mph. Eventually it will maintain an elliptical orbit 3,000 miles above clouds that could dwarf Earth's continents in size. Jupiter is 300 times more massive than Earth.

Once all of Juno's instruments are back online, its main job will be to map the world beneath those mysterious clouds. Scientists want to find out if the gas giant has a solid core and whether its atmosphere contains water. NASA also wants to know why Jupiter's northern and southern lights are so active above the poles.

Because of Jupiter's status in the birth order of our solar system, we are finally in a position to learn things about conditions that led to the formation of Earth and its neighboring planets. Beginning in August, Juno will provide scientists with the closest encounters we've ever had with Jupiter thanks to multiple flybys.

But all good things must come to an end. On Feb. 20, 2018, Juno will end its mission by diving directly into Jupiter. After 37 orbits, it will have fulfilled its primary mission and surveyed Earth's oldest sibling as best it could without actually landing. Jupiter's radiation will have taken its toll and fried much of the craft's sensors.

Still, it is expected to perform heroically until the end, willingly sacrificing itself to transmit secrets about a world that continues to defy expectations hundreds of years after it was discovered.

The Juno mission may be one of NASA's finest hours yet.

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Yaqui Into

I was at the CUC office in Dandan arranging to connect power and water to a new dwelling and moseyed over to see how my Finance officer friend was doing. He reportedly showed up at the office Monday morning only to be turned away as his card to enter the hallway where his office was located had already been invalidated. Someone made sure that Matthew Yaquinto was fired, and stayed fired.

The papers carried the news that he was dismissed without cause effective June 25 by the executive officer on instructions of the board. The lawyer of the board says that there remains legal issues on the matter, but that the CUC board acted properly. We will be forgiven if we see the shadows of a sleigh of hands on this matter.

In 2011, former *Saipan Tribune* publisher and a regular *Saipan Tribune* opinion writer declared that the CNMI government was broke, and could not afford to run CHC anymore. That he reported an objective data is incontrovertible; that CHC responded by getting deeper in debt as a "creative" response, is a matter of record. The *Saipan Tribune* publisher was not censured.

In 2016, the CUC financial officer, before elected officials of the government, was asked about the financial state of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. As that was the area of his expertise and responsibility, he told the truth. He could have been "political" and avoided the question, or gave an evasive answer, as the CUC legal officer seem to be doing with the Press, but Matthew had the temerity to tell the truth.

Telling the truth is always a dangerous thing. That is probably why ancient wisdom told of the emperor not wearing clothes, to tell the truth, and make the telling humorous so the truth can easily be digestible.

CUC's board has been politicized for a long while, that is, it has a habit of butting into operational matters rather than simply be a policy body. We use "politicized" in this context, as the process of decision-making rather than the common use of the word for partisan political stance. Matthew is hardly political in the partisan sense, but the board, not surprisingly, seemed to have read him that way.

Of course, the "political" way is common in the CNMI. By that, we mean the common "power play" that takes matters personally in order to determine position and status. Social standing is a big deal in Marianas life, a leftover from the Hispanic method of arriving at any decision by the powers-that-be, different from the way we understand corporate life with a clear division of the policy side and operational procedures.

A friend at my last school avoids going to the school office as it is ripe "with power plays," he says. Where offices that have a primary supervisor and a secondary deputy one, the division

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between policy and operation is clear in role designation and functions, but in practice, it is a game of one-upmanship where the status position is of absolute importance. In staff gatherings, the head honcho has to make clear who is "in charge" and his/her reputation is established on how a role is played. No one is naughty; it is just the way the game is played.

Power is the common denominator, and there is no mistaking who takes the blame and who is holding the unripe mango. The federal government as a funding agency insisted on having a financial officer at CUC, accountable to a defined role and function, not whether politically he speaks out of turn. Matthew did the unexpected. Asked a question, he told the truth. That's a banana peeling that can easily cause one to slip on the floor.

Matthew is not the issue here, nor the wrangling in the board, a fact known since the inception of the body, so we do not wish to paint pictures of friends and foes. But we need to untangle procedures and the continuing relationship between the federal government and the CNMI.

I have stated elsewhere that the "Covenant" the bodies entered into, it is perceived, at least, by the two parties differently. The U.S. seems to look at it as a set of laws that has to be followed while the CNMI sees it as an occasion to converse around a table with trust that the welfare of the other is going to be considered.

A good example is the military's relationship to Pagan. Some read the covenant as specifically stating the U.S. military can conduct maneuvers on the island, and bombing includes the military's definition of "maneuvers." Not so, says a film on Pagan Watch that Cinta Kaipat is assisting to produce and scheduled to be publicly shown in September. Is anyone mistaken in their definition? Not by the Pentagon's understanding of what it entered into when the CNMI "joined" the Union!

The same applies to the situation at CUC. The board acted like they wanted to dictate how a hired financial officer was to behave, and "Yaqui into" the truth crossed the line. Members of the board took exception. Power play is a dangerous game. Is the creative response going further in debt? Matthew might have suggested that GovCNMI pays up or be disconnected. H-m-m-m.

Edgar Allan Poe

Last June in this space I wrote about a great poem for campfire raconteurs, “The Conqueror Worm,” by Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849). We can put another log on the fire now. On July 4, John Batchelor, of the John Batchelor Show (WABC-AM, New York, as well as other stations) posted a podcast of a radio show in which he interviewed Paul Collins, author of a 2014 book entitled *Edgar Allan Poe: The Fever Called Living*.

I started off the week enjoying that podcast, so I might as well end the week with some more Poe appreciation. Come to think of it, Saipan’s dilapidated old structures can be pretty spooky, so there’s no need to let the Atlantic side of the world monopolize the Gothic gig.

Poe is an intriguing figure, sort of a mad genius. His life opened, and closed, in gloomy ways. What came in the middle was no picnic, either.

The year after Poe was born his dad abandoned the family. The year after that, his mother died of tuberculosis.

Poe was adopted, more or less, by a wealthy merchant. Poe spent some years of his youth in England where he was receptive to classic literature, Latin, and that sort of fancy stuff.

He went to the University of Virginia but he had gambling debts. He was so broke he had to give up on college.

In those days, being a deadbeat on a debt could land you in prison. Poe, being dogged by debt collectors, took up a phony name for awhile. Meanwhile, it seems that gambling wasn’t his only problem, as Poe’s struggles with the bottle cast shadows over his life and career.

He eventually enlisted in the Army. Although he might not sound like the ideal candidate for military life, he did very well in the Army. After five years he was given a slot in West Point.

Alas, West Point didn’t work out for Poe. He found himself back on the streets as a struggling writer and broke civilian. He then held a succession of literary jobs for magazines and such, but apparently never kept one very long.

If Poe seemed a bit droll, he confirmed these credentials when he married his 13-year-old cousin. This made for a three-person household including her mother.

Tuberculosis, having taken Poe’s mother, once again came calling. It claimed his wife. She died after a long and painful struggle when she was 24.

Poe himself died at age 40 in Baltimore. History seems to have specified an unspecified illness as the likely cause, while holding open the possibility that something else might have been at work. Poe’s death, like his life, seems to have largely occurred under a mysterious pall.

Well, so much for Poe, the writer. As for his writing, it enjoys success for popular consumption and is also fare for intellectuals to discuss whatever it is they discuss.

He is often credited with establishing the short story as a popular device. He’s also said to have invented the detective genre. But more than anything, he’s known for his creepy and macabre material.

Some of his writing is so over-the-top Gothic that I don’t know if he’s being sarcastic or not, but, for me at least, that’s part of the fun of reading Poe. I don’t know if I’m being let in on a joke or if the joke is on me.

Since much of his fare was short stories, often with a lot of first-person narration and not a lot of dialog, Poe’s works have proven well suited to being read aloud for the audio format.

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For example, in 2000, HarperCollins released a five-CD collection called “The Edgar Allan Poe audio collection.” This offers a selection of stories and poems read by Basil Rathbone and by Vincent Price. Both of these guys were famous actors back in the day.

As for Price, a Yale graduate, much of his career was, in fact, based on doing movie renditions of Poe stories. As for Rathbone, he served in the British army in WWI, and is known largely for his movie portrayals of Sherlock Holmes. As for the audio collection I mentioned, Rathbone’s reading of “The Fall of the House of Usher” makes for an engrossing 23 minutes.

And as much as I like short stories, including “The Fall of the House of Usher,” I probably have a tin ear for poetry. So with the exception of a few favorites, I’ll admit I haven’t given Poe’s poems much attention.

The world abounds with affordable books offering collections of Poe’s stories and poems. The Web has all sorts of material, too, so this is one writer who is accessible to everyone. Although he was born over 200 years ago, Edgar Allan Poe is famous in modern times.

Floor mat of mañana

We were under the impression that the 902 Team who took a quick trip to Washington recently would resolve the “Dog Chase Tail” immigration issue.

The team came back empty-handed but learned how to do “agenda setting” for the next meeting while junketing on taxpayers’ dime. Call it a fraud. But the team shopped at SearsRoebuck disappointed that Interior’s Esther Kia’aina didn’t recognize their new wardrobe.

It boasts cluelessness of the larger pile of Obama’s “midnight” regulations of more than 20,000 major WH impositions. Stunning the myopic view convinced taxpayers are dumb! Nah! We know the truth in the tale of failure returning home with SearsRoebuck receipts!

We haven’t heard from Kilili what these newly manufactured regulations are about. I know the new regulations are crafted by non-elected bureaucrats in cahoots with Mr. O. Could Kilili give us a synopsis what the impending monstrosity entail?

The challenge is on our side of the Pacific Divide that literally requires inching our blurred vision in mega superstorm of impending federal regulations. We’d probably be unable to decipher what the regulations entail when slammed with it, but then we’ve learned “agenda-setting” and suspect wardrobe.

Sure, we roll around the hand-made floor mat of mañana day-dreaming and hoping that any impending imposition in negative federal policy would be forgiven.

The point that we fail to understand is: Washington is the most powerful seat of government the world over. It matters that we know and understand policies still in the drafting stage so we say our piece on a timely basis. To wait for their implementation without any history of the measure(s) would be foolhardy.

Employment industry: Perhaps it is ingrained in our DNA to accept the constant expansion of the NMI government so it retains the top post as the largest non-revenue employment industry here! We have nearly 3,000 employees drawing biweekly loot from taxes we pay through the nose. What do we get out of

this politically messy design?

The fallacy we overlook is simple: government isn’t in the business of turning-in a profit at day’s end. This is the role of private industries being the productive sector of the local community. What happens when private industry contracts significantly forced by the highly destructive immigration law?

It’s time the issue is addressed and resolved forthwith. Why must taxpayers be on the hook for excesses from eggheads on the hill? How long would you drag us through the abyss of abject poverty? Why must we pay for useless political hire?

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Attribution theory: It sounds big but the business theory is simple in its exercise. In other words, we look around us to see what prompted a certain issue to degenerate as to impose losses rather than profit. At the community level it’s hardship on people in the villages. It requires critical review and options how to deal with it based on a set of facts.

For instance, the local government is suffering heavily from financial leaks. Isn’t true that the public payroll is made up of nearly 3,000 employees? If the projected revenue for FY’17 is around \$120 million, subtract 80 percent the total being \$96 million. For this much money we ask: what’s our benefit as taxpayers?

The review process should employ a desk audit to pin down the requisite staff size with positions filled by people with minimum credentials. It may mean a reduction in force that would move more funds to public services where it matters the most. I’ve done critical fiscal management in both sectors and proud of my accomplishments. I rescued the firm from going belly up the latter was a huge savings to taxpayers!

Then we have CUC who can’t figure its ABCs. The filthy mix of micro-management by an incompetent board piled by the utility agency’s myriad of accounting issues aren’t the way to turn a fast sinking ship headed into the reef. Need consumers suffer from persistent brownouts and waterless hours because of CUC’s incompetence? Is the “solutions driven” team anywhere near Dandan?

Brexit is coming: The term “Brexit” is the short cut for Great Britain pulling out of the European Union (EU). It’s good for the country that also brought home billions of dollars for its people. It’s a better deal over feeding clueless bureaucrats in Brussels

represents the ideal communication, and problems do occur more often than not where speaker and hearer engage in miscommunication. When a writer confuses his conclusion to the premise of the subject and object of what is being communicated, no communication is possible or exist.

When Senator Igisomar adamantly expressed a thought that CIP grant funds gifted by the federal government could be offset for the debt the CNMI government incurred over past years and suggesting it as a sound and intelligent public policy, such revelation give rise to a disclosure of his “autonomous conceptual construct.” This discourse and many more that had been misspoken in recent weeks by Igisomar marks the mindset of an unconscionable conclusion that is contrary to the common premise on government debts to CUC. Once this matter became a public do-

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who are used to the high life while ordinary people struggle daily to make ends meet.

The refrain or voice of the ordinary folks is basically a slam of establishment types who quickly attend to their own interests over those they represent. This can be seen in the surge of GOP presumptive presidential candidate Donald Trump. His message resonates well with a majority of ordinary people across the country.

Here at home I call it “influenza” where the local elected elite pays more attention to whimsical demands of their rich donors as to instantly ignore the interest of the people who placed them in office. Are you on someone’s payroll? The sense of utter frustration should reveal itself this midterm election.

Creeping crisis: The indigenous people are faced with challenges navigating the demands of a life that was versus modernity while lamenting the fading trails and echo of traditional foundation.

It’s a three-pronged challenge wrestling with tradition or “what it was” versus “what it should be”—the ideal situation—mirrored against “what it is” hence.

It brings us squarely to how much of what’s known as cultural “familial piety” or obligation would we retain while meeting the demands of self-support.

The emerging problem of taking care of the elderly in Japan has reached “demographic” crisis. “Its current life expectancy, highest in the world, is 84 and rising, according to Michael Hoffman in a recent OpEd piece in the Japan Times.

“Out of a population of 127 million, the number of people suffering from dementia is 4.6 million, and “increasing beyond our expectation,” says the Japan Society for Dying with Dignity.

main information, the public frame up the communication into its own conceptual perception. Thus, Igisomar is now tattooed as deranged with reality and out of touched with simple logic.

Our accidental governor homing in the people’s office of the governor is no different than what Igisomar thought processes on public policy matter. The “autonomous conceptual construct” of such politician makes us wonder whether our house is in order and the indigenous people of these islands are disposable and dispensable matter that matter less in what public policy driving this governor.

If spoken words peel the skin by this politician, we can assess what is being stored and coming for the indigenous people. In speaking with the commercial and subsistence farmers at a

*See **CONSTRUCT** on Page 17*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR


Autonomous conceptual construct

The idea of “autonomous conceptual construct” refers to a person’s conscious perceptual view and meaning of object words and subject words. The syntactical and contextual markers organized and placed in ruled order in the sentence and paragraph that follow discloses the intent, stereotype, interpretation, and meaning expressed by the speaker or writer. When the written words are perceived exactly in the manner and purpose the speaker or writer expresses, the communication is reciprocally balanced, purposeful and meaningful. But, this in a nutshell only

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

▲90° ▼79°


SATURDAY



Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲89° ▼80°


SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲89° ▼80°


MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲89° ▼80°

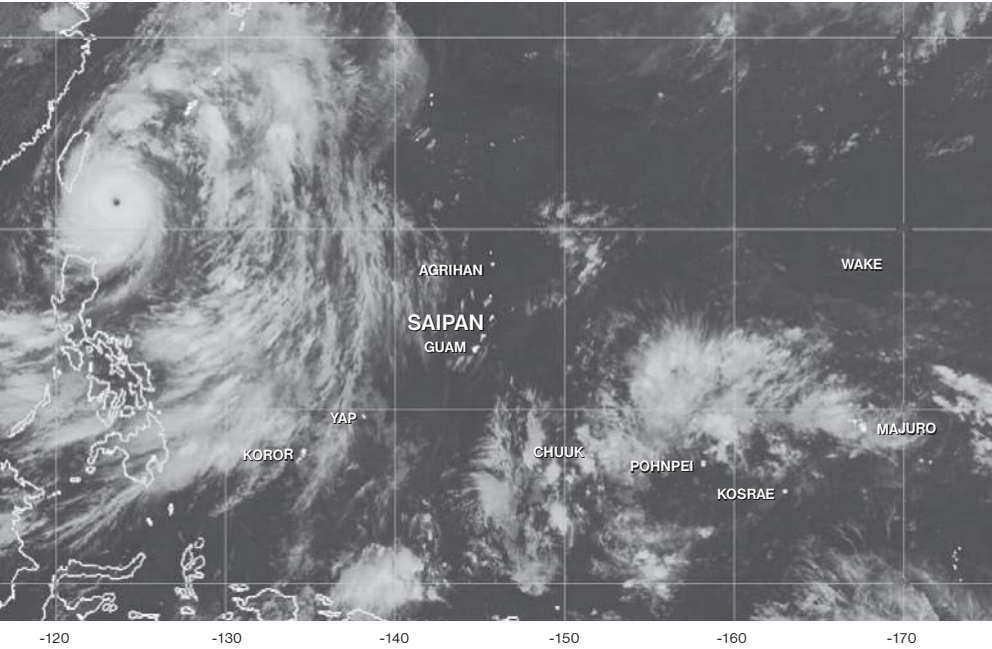
TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super typhoon Nepartak (02W) is seen in the satellite imagery quickly approaching southern Taiwan. Further east the combination of outer banding from the typhoon and the positioning of the southwest monsoon is helping to create an extensive area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from 7N to north of 25N and west of 134E. Past this point and west of 140E, there are only pockets of scattered showers and mostly upper level cloudiness. A small area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms can be found northeast of the Marianas, under an upper level low, within 100 miles of 19N151E. Another area is located south of Palau, within two degrees of the equator between 135E and 141E. A broad low pressure area is located south of Chuuk and Pohnpei near 4N155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are generally found along the periphery of this area, within the stronger areas of low level convergence. One area is located in western Chuuk state from the equator to 8N between 145E and 150E. Another is found from the equator to 8N between 152E and 157E, between Chuuk and Pohnpei.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Sunny	▼83	▲92
Palau	Thunderstorms	▼80	▲86
Yap	Sunny	▼79	▲90
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	▼80	▲87
Pohnpei	Partly Sunny	▼76	▲88
Kosrae	Sunny	▼79	▲88
Majuro	Cloudy	▼81	▲87

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▼56	▲59
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▼71	▲93
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▼73	▲82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▼73	▲82
London	Clear	▼60	▲72
Los Angeles	Clear	▼64	▲78
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▼81	▲87
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▼50	▲54
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▼82	▲90
New York	Partly Sunny	▼77	▲92
Osaka	Rain	▼76	▲84
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▼62	▲77
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▼74	▲84
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▼69	▲91
Salem	Showers	▼58	▲67
San Francisco	Clear	▼56	▲68
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▼64	▲89
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▼72	▲85
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9:29 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.77 Feet
4:40 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.13 Feet
11:28 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.93 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily									
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7									
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota									
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DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily			DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily									
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OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily									
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42K views on Liberation Day Facebook Page

Many firsts that is bound to change the way the CNMI celebrates its the festivities happened during the 2016 CNMI Liberation Day Festivities. This year, Dr. Hu Bo and his team at Skywalker Communications Group introduced online live broadcasting on two of the world's largest and most used platforms, YouTube and Facebook. Allowing the residents of the CNMI as well as those abroad to participate with families and friends at the festival grounds via the World Wide Web.

The CNMI has one of the highest military recruit rates per capita in the United States, along with Guam and American Samoa. For this reason, the Skywalker Communications managing director made it their goal to ensure the broadcasts of the CNMI Liberation Day Festivities goes live on the Internet.

"Many sons and daughters,

mothers and fathers, friends and family members of the CNMI live abroad doing service for the country and fight for Freedom. Having had the opportunity to spend some time with our Liberation Day Volunteer Program leader, Randy Johnson, a injured veteran, it became apparent to the Skywalker Communications team that many of those in the military, whether active, reserve, or veteran, tend to remain in the contiguous United States or other parts of the world. A large percentage of them have not had the privilege of celebrating one of the most important days that honor their services and their commitment to their peoples and country. In our attempt to honor them as well as this year's theme, 'Our Islands Our Heritage' we wanted to make sure they are part of the celebration, thus leaving no one behind," said Leonard

Leon, Skywalker Communications art director

On the 4th of July, the turnout for the live broadcast was more than a success as evident by the number of live broadcast viewers, page likes, video likes, comments, shares, tags, and more.

Within the past seven days alone, the CNMI Liberation Festivities Facebook page has had an explosive impact with:

■ 36,068 views on live broadcasts.

■ 42,775 new interactions by visitors to the page.

■ 39,229 additional Facebook users reached

■ Over 250 new likes for the page

A large number of CNMI diaspora residents tagged friends and family members living locally and abroad, ensuring they witness the parade unfold. This ability is an innovative collaboration by Skywalker Communications

and IT&E Saipan that has revolutionized the Liberation Day Festivities and marketing strategies in the CNMI.

One of the great advantages of the social media live broadcast by Skywalker Communications is the interaction between the viewers. A viewer with the Facebook name Nize-lynn Teregeyo Masayos commented with excitement, "Ah! I see my ssterrr!"

Jacqueline Tudela Apatang Rogers said, "Miss home wish i could bring my family to see our culture thanks for posting this."

Others like Joaquin Tenorio Sablan, one of the hundreds of viewers who tuned in from the U.S. commented, "Happy Liberation Day CNMI!!! from Vancouver WA." And joining in on the announcements of their current locations resulting in an extensive and diverse list of locales from Hawaii, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C., Utah, California, and many other states with view-

ers thanking organizers for "a chance to see home again."

For those who missed the chance to watch the live broadcasts, Skywalker Communications has uploaded the videos onto the Facebook page, CNMI Liberation Day Festival and the Skywalker Communications official channel on Youtube.

"The CNMI can expect a lot more innovative ideas, pioneering marketing strategies, and fresh perspectives from Skywalker," Etti Ahmed, social media campaign manager at Skywalker Communications.

Sophia Alvarez, account director for Skywalker Communications states, "Skywalker Communications Group has years of experience in media hybridization in China with television, newspaper, magazines, and social media platforms such as QQ (China's advance version of Facebook), WeChat (China's advance version of WhatsApp), Youku (China's advance version of YouTube), and many others." (PR)

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recent gathering, the attention emerged in that the governor could not have articulated what the preferred policy is. Telling the farmers to talk among themselves and formulate the solution and then let him know is not an intelligent or wise decorum that should have been installed. This content and condition to some reflect that this accidental governor is fishing for reasons. And, when uncertainty creeps in the wedge, it is no ones fault. In other words, we can always and almost with certainty size up what we are dealing with here. Little matters like speaking with farmers may not be the only fac-

tor or criteria that give indication of a sure thing, pattern displayed in speeches such as this do firm up the "autonomous conceptual construct" and over time such content and conditions do manifest the real cause of how our accidental governor is heading the course of the CNMI government. When evidence builds up as it would, we loose control because the rash that used to be only a small itchy skin irritation actually cause of the origin of a growing irreversible cancer.

We are being reminded yet again, that in the last general election BSI dumped into the people some \$10 million just months before people expressed their votes. This was framed as a "relief" for high and expensive utility charges that burdened

CUC's ratepayers. But, this also wedged in forging on the integrated casino industry legislation, and the play won.

In recent weeks, we are noting are renewed interest of CUC board to release the unclaimed subsidy in the stagnant account of this funds as "relief again" for ratepayers yet once again. And, this is just in time again before the start of the voting season.

The biggest news came revealing what is BSI assurance and expectation to remit some \$32 million to the CNMI government in FY2017. How much money this gross receipts tax came about? Well, it is estimated that BSI will generate at least \$720 million in gross revenue. While BSI's

Grand Casino is under-construction and only the Duty-Free Galleria premise is operating earning income, does it add up that this is possible? Is this a cover up or deliberate march that BSI and its parent company now showing their dark side in piercing its corporate power and control over a government that still trying to learn how to regulate the very industry that they mastermind with the principals of the accidental governor and lieutenant governor of the CNMI government. What will happen for the CNMI government for the immediate future is beginning to shape form and what studies had confirmed in what the CNMI government is stepping on will be completely subser-

vient to dominant corporate power the size and potential of BSI and its corporate conglomerate. The problem is the CNMI is only getting an insignificant share of the lion share. Our elected representative must take note of this. But, the accidental governor seeing this as satisfactory, must be thinking that the indigenous people of the CNMI are bunch of "idiot" people. This I believe should start the next discourse and intellectual search by the indigenous people. It is not wrong to tell a naked king parading in public when he actually is cloth-less. Speak out before it is too late.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,)
Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 15-0086
vs.)
FLORIDA A GRIZZARD,)
Defendant.) AMENDED SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:
FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

50 ORDERED on this 23rd day of May, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court/ Deputy Clerk



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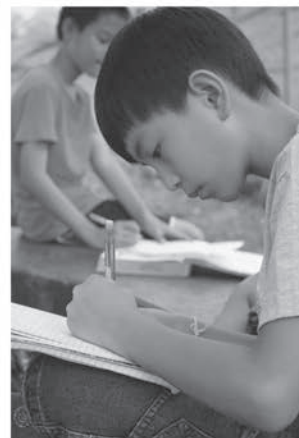
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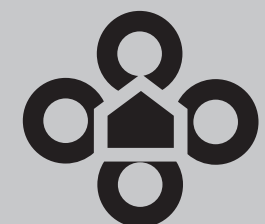
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY B and H REPAIRS, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-79/83.**

One original and four copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of milling of the existing asphalt pavement, application of tack coat, asphalt paving, replacement of taxiway edge lights and pavement markings, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 180 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,500.00/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without justification.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Airport Conference Room at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at **10:00 am, Monday, July 25, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or mis-entry the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: July 6, 2016

Renewable energy: Liberation Day

By PHIL YORIO

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

With America and the CNMI celebrating their Independence Day on July 4th it was a great day to reflect on what exactly does this mean. America's greatest generation, the generation that grew up in the worst financial depression in history, which was starting to ease up in early 1940, were thrown into on Dec. 7 1941 one of the bloodiest wars ever fought on this planet, World War II, and fought they did. The CNMI was liberated from the Japanese on July 9, 1944. The battle for the liberation of the CNMI started on June 15, 1944 and we as an island were finally liberated on July 9, 1944.

The greatest generation on Earth liberated the CNMI and again gave us our freedom back, now I believe it is up to us to keep this freedom that many have died for in our hearts never forgetting the suffering and sacrifice that our people faced in this most difficult time and the sacrifice that members of the military also gave for this freedom.

While reflecting on this special day I cannot help thinking of the correlation between our liberation and what I believe we can have for this island which is energy liberation. I live for the day when this island can also be free from fossil fuel and the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Phil Yorio is the general manager of Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc.-CNMI.

CNMI can have our "day in the sun" of total liberation from fossil fuel. Now living on the CNMI we are faced with supply and demand, political, weather, and the ever present manipulation of the oil industry for our energy costs. To me this is just another avenue of being a prisoner to an industry that has controlled how much we pay for energy for over 60 years when in reality we have the means as far as technology to map out our own future and truly liberate this island and have total energy security for life. With an

election coming in November, oil on its way up again, the islands infrastructure is in disarray and no real plan on our energy future except to burn more fossil fuel. I believe it's time, we as the people of the CNMI, who the greatest generation on Earth have entrusted this island with, safety guide her down the path now to energy liberation. We as the people left now in charge need to be very careful to elect the Legislature that also hold this islands future dear to their hearts.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified bidders to submit their qualifications and bids for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUTER TERMINALS SIX (6) A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-16.**

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of replacement of six (6) air-conditioning units located at the Saipan International and Saipan Commuter Terminals. Procurement includes removal and disposal of existing units scheduled for replacement.

The Project is being funded by Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for installation of all six units shall be **TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages shall be imposed in the amount of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** per day if the commissioning of the A/C units is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-26 of the specifications. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Non-Collusive Affidavit" and "Designation of Subcontractors" as contained in the bid documents, with the submission of the Bid.

Bids and contract documents including specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Commonwealth Ports Authority Office, Saipan at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either bid bond from a CPA approved listed surety company, a certified check or a cashier's check in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ ROMANT.TUDELA
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: June 20, 2016



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Removal of the Derelict Vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan CPA-RFP-016-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals ("RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from individuals, professional firms, companies and/or corporations to provide removal and/or salvage services to the Commonwealth in the form of the removal of the vessels Miss Saipan and Lady Carolina from the waters of the Commonwealth. The successful proposer shall facilitate the proper removal and disposal of the vessels in their entirety, in compliance with all applicable environmental, safety, and other applicable laws and regulations. Proposers are expected to submit a proposal for the removal of both vessels. Specifically, the vessels are not to be pulled away and sunk in deeper waters, but instead are to be removed from where they lay either by refloating and transporting the vessels for safe disposal or refit or by salvaging them piecemeal for proper disposal upon shore. Removal of the vessels shall also be done in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning May 25th, 2016 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The pre-proposal conference is schedules for 10:00 AM, June 17, 2016 at the Seaport Building Conference Room, Port of Saipan. All proposers interested in submitting a proposal shall attend to gain additional information about the vessels.

Questions and/or clarifications shall be directed to the Executive Director's attention through email at cpa.admin@pticom.com at least 5 days before the scheduled pre-proposal conference.

Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Proposal for the Removal of the Derelict vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan, Project No. CPA-RFP-016-16.

Proposal submission must be received by the Office of the Executive Director, CPA at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor, Arrival Building no later than 2:00 PM, July 8th, 2016.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

Free Financial literacy classes this month



Bank of Hawaii’s Herminio Matsumoto conducts a financial literacy seminar last June 25 at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Learn the “Basics of Banking” and the “ABCs of Credit” from topnotch financial instructors from the Bank of Hawaii: Herminio Matsumoto and Joanne Aldan.

As part of a series of community summer seminars, CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread’s Family Literacy Program in partnership with the Bank of Hawaii is pleased to present a series of Free Financial literacy classes this coming Saturday, July 9, from 3pm to 4pm at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library; and on Tuesday, July 12, from 10am to 11am at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center.


Course materials and child-



The CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread’s Family Literacy Program, done in partnership with the Bank of Hawaii, is free for the public.

care (for ages 4 years old to 11 years old) will be provided for adults who participate in our financial literacy seminar. CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread Family Literacy Program is

administered by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council in partnership with the CNMI Public School System and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. **(PR)**



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0003-23/XX.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, JULY 29, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the renovation of the existing ARFF Building, replacing the main ARFF bay roof, addition of a new observation tower with restroom and miscellaneous repairs all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the **CONFERENCE ROOM, Rota Port Manager’s Office** at 10:00 am, July 15, 2016 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran’s Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.


FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: June 28, 2016



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-16-RFP-001

ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR ROUTE 34 ROAD REPAIR, SAIPAN, CNMI
PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0034(003)

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified engineering companies for **Engineering Design Services for Route 34 Road Repair Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).**

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-305** of the Procurement Regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001.

Any corporation or partnership “firm” must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Request For Proposals (RFP) package will be available on or after **June 24, 2016** at the Department of Public Works, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214 Saipan.

A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 212 on **July 12, 2016**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, at telephone numbers (670) 234-9828/9838 or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **July 26, 2016**.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored bases on the following criteria:

1. Project Team – **20%**
2. Capacity – **20%**
3. Past Performance – **20%**
4. Local Knowledge and Proximity to the Project – **20%**
5. Project Approach – **20%**

Please refer to the RFP package for proposal content requirements; non-compliant proposals will not be considered.

Proposals must be sealed and marked “**DPW/FHWA-16-RFP-001**”. For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **July 29, 2016**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) calendar days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 29, 2016 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked no later than **July 29, 2016** and must be received no later than **August 9, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the criteria provided in the RFP package. Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and evaluation criteria and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. If there are only (2) proposers, then the minimum number of proposers to be included in the evaluation process shall be two (2). In the event of a tie, the tied proposers shall be re-evaluated by the evaluation committee after further discussions of the submitted proposals and presentations. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified engineering firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon. The anticipated date for letter of award and notice to proceed is August 2016.

The successful A-E firm will be subjected to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**.

The Government is not responsible for any expenses which Proposers may incur in the preparation and submittal of proposals requested by this RFP, including but not limited to, costs associated with travel, accommodations, interviews or presentations, or proposals.


This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHWA. All offerors shall be subjected to the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations Part 52, Subpart 209-5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters, March 1996.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.


The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become property of the Government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/SWMD16-RFP-002

PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION & THE MARPI SOLID WASTE FACILITY

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide Pest Control Services for the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Solid Waste Facility, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-210** (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Services will be available on or after **June 24, 2016** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred-Dollars (US\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division office.

A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **July 15, 2016**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950 or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **July 19, 2016**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked “**DPW/SWMD16-RFP-002**”. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **July 25, 2016**.

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **July 25, 2016**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 25, 2016** and must be received no later **August 03, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section **70-30.3-245** and must be able to obtain a CNMI Business License prior to contract award.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with NMIAC Section **70-30.3-210** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Technical Requirements:

1. Qualifications of the Pest Control Firm: 40%
2. Past Experience or equivalent on Similar Projects: 40%
3. Current Workload and ability to commit to the Scope of Work: 10%
4. Cost: 10%

Price is also a factor that will be considered and will be evaluated in comparison with the overall merit of the proposals. Technical merit is more important than price and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

Award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

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Director of Procurement & Supply

Groups to hold free immigration forum, legal clinic

In an effort to assist and help the many Filipinos and other contract workers in the CNMI who have immigration-related issues, the National Federation of Filipino American Association, in collaboration with the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter, will be providing free immigration forum through an immigration lawyer from New York, says Dr. Celia Lamkin, NaFFAA Region 12 chair and Board of Governor and chairperson of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter.

Atty. Jose Teodoro "JT" S. Mallonga, an immigration lawyer for 25 years in New York, was the past president of the Filipino American Legal Defense and Education Fund and an active member of the legal team of FALDEF providing pro-bono legal services for Filipinos in the USA. He has been helping thousands of Filipinos with

different immigration cases in many cities and states in the mainland.

Mallonga is the NaFFAA National chairperson and he will be arriving on Saturday to meet the different groups of Filipinos who have immigration and labor issues.

"I have heard of so many problems of contract workers in the CNMI especially the case of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino workers who are mostly our *kababayans* (fellow Filipinos). Some have left the island and more will be leaving the island. Other cases are those who are affected by the CW1 cap, among other issues," said Lamkin.

"Despite my unpredictable heart condition, I just can't be ignoring the situation or won't do anything to help the contract workers in the CNMI especially the Filipinos, and seeing them

helpless and their families being separated from their children who were born here and those children they have brought with them from their country of origin when they



Lamkin



Mallonga

first came to legally work in the CNMI and those who have no U.S. citizen children," she said.

"It is also hurting and disheartening to know that those who have legally worked here for five years or more and some, more than 30 years, have left and some were displaced because their CWs were not renewed, or they were affected by the CW1 cap deadline.

It's easy for other people to tell them, here's the ticket, you may go home. Let us show love, mercy and compassion to our fellowmen," she added.

In November 2011, Lamkin was the one who helped the more than 15,000 Filipinos and other contract workers in the CNMI when they were panicking for fear of deportation due to the ending of the transition period that time. She facilitated and provided the free immigration forums through the help and legal assistance of Atty. Loida Nicolas Lewis, an immigration lawyer, a former attorney general of then Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), now USCIS, and the National chairperson of the USP4GG, and Atty. Ted Laguatan, an immigration lawyer and the USP4GG legal counsel and spokesperson, which resulted in the

prevention of their departure from the CNMI.

Mallonga, an expert-specialist in immigration law, said that he will be studying and providing solutions to the many cases of immigration cases in the CNMI. He will personally visit the affected workers of Tinian Dynasty Hotel next week.

The immigration forum will be held at the San Antonio Parish Social Hall on Sunday, July 10 2016, from 2pm to 6pm. The forum will provide valuable information to the foreign workers in the CNMI.

A free legal clinic will be held on Thursday, July 14, from 10am to 12noon and from 2pm to 4 pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan.

Another immigration forum will be held after the legal clinic, from 6pm to 8pm.

Children, spouses, and immediate relatives of Filipino

World War II veterans are also encouraged to attend.

Admission to the forum is free on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of race, religion, nationality, and disability.

The public is advised not to pay any amount to anybody with regard to this immigration forum and activities that will be conducted by NaFFAA and USP4GG Marianas chapter because the said activities and legal assistance are free and we have not authorized anybody to collect such fees to the participants or those who will need legal assistance.

For more information, please call our USP4GG Marianas chapter officers and members: Juan Gacayan at (670) 287-3140 and Edgar Gacayan at (670) 788-5180, Jovy Brondo at (670) 288-1697 or USP4GG secretary Beng Tanghal at (670) 288-2364. (PR)



JON PEREZ

The 2016 CNMI Liberation Royal Court poses with fellow contest participants, organizers, sponsors, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota mayors and officials after the declaration of winners last June 2 at the Liberation Day Festival grounds.

Liberation Royal Court thankful for successful event

This is the first year in which the CNMI Liberation Royal Court had the highest amount of participating candidates and full representation of the CNMI archipelago. On July 1, 21 candidates were crowned Princess, First Princess, Royal Princess, and Queen.

This year's Fourth of July parade lineup consisted of a variety of floats, and entering last, was the CNMI Liberation Royal Court float that was provided by the Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

"Although the effort put into making the float was greatly appreciated and the beauty of the float was admired by the CNMI Liberation Royal Court, we, as a whole, decided to walk down 13 Fishermen Memorial to pay our respects" ex-

plained Royal Queen Christine Roque.

"After standing on the float for hours, waving to the crowd, we all wanted to walk down to see our people on an eye-to-eye level and to show our humility" said Princess Beda Mundo. "We asked Ms. Rose Ada-Hocog, since the beginning of the parade if we could walk on the last part of the parade and our request was granted".

But it is not the first time the CNMI Liberation Queen and her Royal Court had stepped down the float and walked to the ending part of the parade. From as far back as 2004, the CNMI Liberation Royal Courts had also walked from the 13 Fishermen Memorial to the reviewing stand. Even the 2015

Liberation Queen and her Royal Court paid tribute to the 13 Fishermen Memorial and chose to walk from the memorial to the grandstand.

"As a result of our actions, family members and other people from the community approached the Royal Court to hug or take pictures with them while they were walking together. One of the Princess' fathers came out and danced on the road alongside us as we were walking," said Roque.

"It was a memorable moment as we all walked in a line, symbolizing that our islands and communities were represented and that we are all one. We proudly represented our islands and our heritage", said Mundo.

The 2016 Miss CNMI Liberation Queen, Christine

Roque, stated, "I would like to thank the entire community on behalf of the 2016 Royal Court for their utmost gratitude and support as we all entered this journey together. The Liberation Festivities would not have been a success without the participation of the entire CNMI community. A huge thank

you from the bottom of our hearts!"

In addition, the 2016 Royal Court would like to thank the JROTC cadets who had been their escorts during the parade. They showed great discipline and hospitality.

The 2016 Royal Court would most especially like to thank the Royal Court's big-

gest sponsor, IT&E, Saipan Mayor David Apatang, Skywalker Communications Group, Ms. Rose Ada-Hocog and her two boys, Tito and Trey, the Liberation Day Organizing Committee, the Royal Court's individual sponsors, and all the event sponsors for making the parade a success. (PR)

Chamorro Literacy Class at JKPL set

Are you interested in learning the basics of Chamorro? Or do you speak Chamorro or understand Chamorro, and just want to practice your Chamorro language skills?

Well, CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread Family Literacy Program is pleased to offer a free Beginner's Chamorro Literacy Class to be held at

your friendly Joeten-Kiyu Public Library this summer! Read and borrow books translated into Chamorro from our award-winning Motherhead/Fatheread curriculum. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday for the month of July from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Please call 235-7319/783-7678/285-9666 or email us at

cnmimotheread@gmail.com and sign up today.

CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread Family Literacy Program is administered by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council in partnership with the CNMI Public School System and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. (PR)

Coast Guard seeking help locating owner of aluminum boat



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Coast Guard is seeking the public's help in identifying the owner of an unmanned, adrift aluminum boat found approximately 25 miles north of Princeville, Kauai last July 6.

HONOLULU, Hawaii—The Coast Guard is seeking the public's help in identifying the owner of an unmanned, adrift aluminum boat found approximately 25 miles north of Princeville, Kauai, Wednesday.

The aluminum boat is approximately 18 to 20-feet in length with no markings, engine or equipment onboard. There is light marine growth on the hull.

Anyone with information that may help identify the owner of the boat is asked to contact the Coast Guard Sector Honolulu Command Center at 808-842-2600.

Watchstanders at the Sector Honolulu Command Center received a report at 9:55 a.m., from the crew of NOAA vessel Oscar Elton Sette who located the boat.

Sector Honolulu watchstanders issued an urgent marine information broadcast notice to mariners and

diverted an HC-130 Hercules aircrew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point to search the area.

There are currently no reported signs of distress or missing persons in the area. This case is unrelated to the search for the three missing fishermen off Oahu.

"The Coast Guard encourages owners who lose their water craft to report it to the Coast Guard so that we can rule out distress, eliminate any unnecessary searches, and potentially reunite owners with their property" said Lt. Nic Iannarone, a search and rescue coordinator at the Sector Honolulu command center.

The Coast Guard offers free "If Found" decals to be placed in a visible location on small, human-powered watercraft through the Operation Paddle Smart program. The information on the sticker can allow re-

sponse entities to quickly identify the vessel's owner and aid search and rescue planners in determining the best course of action.

The stickers can be obtained for free at local harbor masters, through the Coast Guard Auxiliary, from Honolulu Sail and Power Squadron offices and at select marine retail and supply stores. **(PR)**

Bordallo pushes for Palau Compact renewal

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo urged members of the House Natural Resources Committee to support a bill that would renew the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of Palau.

She also urged the Committee to include provisions that would address Compact impact expenses incurred by the Government of Guam and other affected jurisdictions. The current Compact with Palau expired seven years ago, in 2009. She underscored that the inaction by Congress to renew the Compact could risk the U.S.'s strategic partnership with Palau and may undermine efforts to support the Asia-Pacific rebalance. She highlighted her efforts to find innovative solutions that would reduce the costs borne by local jurisdictions in administering the Compacts.

"Renewal of the Palau Compact is crucial to our country's continuing strategic rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region. Palau is one of our nation's closest and strongest

allies in the Pacific, and the longer we delay fulfilling our commitment to Palau, the more we risk our strategic relationship with Palau and potentially undermine other efforts in support of the Asia-Pacific rebalance. I strongly encourage my colleagues to approve this agreement, which has not been renewed since it expired in 2009," she said.

"Further, we must find solutions to reduce the costs of administering the Compacts in Guam, Hawaii, and the CNMI. Our local govern-

ments cannot continue to bear the burden of these costs, and Congress must act to ensure that the Compacts are sustainable for all jurisdictions. I have proposed several solutions to address these costs in my Compact Impact Relief bill, and I hope that we will consider these proposals as we move forward. The affected jurisdictions have spent hundreds of millions to support the Compacts and migrants, and Congress must provide relief that would alleviate these costs," added Bordallo. **(PR)**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has been invited by the Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism to meet on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the House Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Building (Legislature) on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The agenda will include updates on the exclusive Casino Licensee.

Saipan Tribune, Inc. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following position:

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03-2016

Opening date: June 24, 2016 Closing date: July 15, 2016

Positions: (1) Custodial/Maintenance-I (Rota) (1) Vessel Traffic Controller-I (Port of Saipan)
(1) Procurement Technician (Saipan)
(1) Master Electrician (Saipan) (1) Mechanic-I (Saipan-ARFF)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fourteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pacific Islands Club, Napu Room in San Antonio, Saipan.¹

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. July 6, 2016 Special Board Meeting
- II. Public Comments²**
- III. Reports**
 1. Chair
 2. Board Committees
 - a. CIP
 - b. FPA
 - c. ISA
 - d. LIA
 - e. SICPP
 - f. SARC
 3. Commissioner of Education
 - a. Financial Status Reports
 - i. Federal
 - ii. Local
 - b. Head Start Program
 - c. Others
- IV. Unfinished Business**
 1. Commissioner of Education Contract
- V. New Business**
 1. Head Start Program Supplemental Grant Application
 2. Certification and Licensure Recommendations
 - a. CLO Report No. 2016-008
- VI. Executive Session³**
 1. Legal Updates
 2. Personnel/Certification
 3. Other matters
- VII. Administrative Matters**
 1. Adoption of Board Action Minutes for July 13, 2016
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting**
- IX. Adjournment**

¹In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
²Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
³Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Toward sustainable corporate social responsibility

Traditionally, Corporate Social Responsibility refers to business practice involving corporate's legal, ethical, and philanthropic (charitable) responsibility. Both CSR and sustainability understand the context that community and environment where business operates is crucial part for a business' success. However, CSR does not necessarily encompass sustainability.

Sustainability, on the other hand, concerning preserving resources and operating in a way for long term period. It's a day-to-day practice by a company taking into account the needs of our future generation.

Nowadays many companies are participating in various forms of CSR activities, most of which easily end up with fixing a short-term problems instead of fixing a long-term

issues. It is a big challenge for a company to practice a sustainable CSR.

Based on its principle, E-Land Group practices its CSR with sincerity and sustainability. E-Land CSR strives to promote the management philosophy of, "Sharing, Rightness, Growth, Serving" by contributing total 10 percent of net profit back to society. On Saipan, E-Land is taking a leading role to solve the regional environmental problems and to make a sustainable environment for our future generation.

For instance, the Unai Dankulu Beach Park, located at the Coral Ocean Golf Resort in Koblerville Village has been a continuous effort by E-Land Group in the recent years. On July 2, E-Land has signed an agreement to additionally in-

stall BBQ pits and benches at the park. Also, the newly established restroom would be opened to the public on July 21.

One special thing is that it was the staff's efforts maintaining the beach park cleanliness. The staff are actively participating in beach clean-ups to preserve the nature and the environment of CNMI.

E-Land will put more efforts on its CSR activities to build a sustainable environment for the people of CNMI, including public facility improvements and staff volunteer programs. In addition, E-Land will continually practice its CSR focusing on environmental issues associating with the local schools in which students will learn environmental campaign and will develop their responsibility toward environmental sustainability. (PR)



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Coral Ocean Golf Resort is planning to add additional barbecue pits and benches at the Unai Dankulu Beach Park.



A Coral Ocean Golf Resort staff picks up trash at Unai Dankulu Beach Park.

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Coral Ocean Golf Resort staff pose with the garbage bags filled with the trash they picked up at Unai Dankulu Beach Park.

Guam BBQ Block Party crowns 2016 Champion Grill Master

TUMON, Guam— The Guam Visitors Bureau is proud to announce the winners of the fourth annual Pleasure Island Guam BBQ Block Party Competition on Saturday, July 2nd. Ten teams competed in three categories—chicken, beef, and pork—but only one has earned the title of the 2016 Champion Grill Master. The Guam Community College (GCC) Team, led by Chef Paul Kerner, walked away with this top honor and also placed in the top three in all categories.

GVB congratulates Chef Paul and the GCC team, as well as the winners in the following categories:

CHICKEN:

■ First Place: Ohana Hawaiian BBQ (Team captain: Jen Santa Maria)

■ Second Place: GCC (Team captain: Paul Kerner)

■ Third Place: Guam Barbecue Company (Team captain: Joe Okada)

PORK:

■ First Place: Team Meskla (Team captain: Peter Duenas)

■ Second Place: GCC (Team captain: Paul Kerner)

■ Third Place: Ohana Hawaiian BBQ (Team captain: Jen Santa Maria)

BEEF:

■ First Place: GCC (Team captain: Paul Kerner)

■ Second Place: Team Meskla (Team captain: Peter Duenas)

■ Third Place: Sea Grill Restaurant (Team captain: Alexandria Sanchez)

The Micronesian Chefs Association partnered with GVB to conduct the BBQ competition and gave away more than \$4,000 in prize money.

"This is one of our favorite GVB signature events, because it showcases Guam's unique BBQ culture and the talent of Guam's best chefs and pit masters right here in the heart of Pleasure Island," said Nathan Denight, GVB

President and CEO. "With an estimated 10,000 people in attendance, I was pleased to see an even larger crowd this year made up of residents and visitors who came out to enjoy this family friendly and fun event. Si Yu'os Ma'ase to everyone for supporting this GVB signature event."

Domingo Ocampo was also named the winner of the first-ever Hot Diggety Dog hot dog eating contest after he devoured four 10-inch hot dogs in five minutes. Additionally, the Guam BBQ Block Party fea-

tured a Classic American Car and Bike Show coordinated by Local Girl and powered by Shell. Uncle Sam and the Firecracker Girls also made an appearance at the event to add to the festive atmosphere while the Phoenix Stage Band, Phoenix Stars, Those 2 Guys and Step Up Dance entertained the crowd. Various food and beverage vendors also lined the block to cater to

the crowd of thousands who walked Pleasure Island with their families and friends.

GVB thanks the Office of Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio and the Guam BBQ Block Party presenting sponsors The Plaza, Sandcastle, Dusit Thani Guam Resort, T Galleria by DFS, and Outrigger Guam Beach Resort for their continued partnership in growing the event year after year. GVB would also like to recognize the supporting sponsors Hot Diggety

Dog, Monster Energy, Miller Lite, Pepsi, Hanom, Triple J Fivestar Wholesale, Pacific Daily News, Deloitte, Shell, Foody's, and the Stations of KUAM.

Special thanks is also given to the Guam Police Department (GPD), Guam Fire Department (GFD) and GVB's Visitor Safety Officers (VSOs) for keeping the public safe. (PR)

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The Unai Dankulu Beach Park restrooms will be opened on July 21.

Puerto Rico debt relief casts shade on Guam

Fitch Ratings placed the following ratings of the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) Public Finance Authority (VIPFA) and the Government of Guam (Guam) on Rating Watch Negative. This action was taken for the following reason:

"The rating actions follow the enactment of S.2328, an act known as 'Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act'

or 'PROMESA' on June 30, 2016. PROMESA fundamentally alters the premises used to rate certain tax backed debt issued by territorial governments distinct from and above the territory's issuer default rating (IDR)."

It is important to note that this Watch does not effect Guam's bond ratings. Since the discussions on the Puerto Rico debt relief began, Gov-

ernor Calvo has clearly expressed to bondholders and investors that Guam will not request or consent to an oversight board under PROMESA.

"When it comes to the policymakers in Washington, D.C., dealing with the Puerto Rico situation, I've made it very clear: Guam has no need nor desire to look at any type of backdoor such as bankruptcy protection," said Gov.

Eddie Calvo in a February 2016 interview with Bloomberg News. And Gov. Calvo's staunch opposition against any bailout of the commitment Guam has made with bondholders was again reiterated.

Investors who invest in bonds issued by the Government of Guam are triple tax-exempt. This offers the investor exemption from local, state, and federal taxes on the interest they earn with a purchase of Guam bonds.

"Our goal is to ensure the sanctity of these investments

for investors", said Jay Rojas, administrator for the Guam Economic Development Authority. "Gov. Calvo has made this clear.

"Our ratings should not be affected by the situation in another jurisdiction. GEDA has built strong relationships with investors of Guam Bonds and can ensure that our ability to cover the required annual debt service on our bonds remains strong," said Rojas.

"Fitch placing the Government of Guam on a Rating Watch Negative doesn't effect Guam's outstanding bonds. We remain at an investment grade bond rating of A-," added Rojas.

"This Rating Watch Negative action is a reaction to the United States Government's passage of the bill and has nothing to do with the Government of Guam's financial strength."

Rojas is currently in San Francisco meeting with Un-

derwriters and Bond Counsel reviewing options to mitigate the effects of the passage of the PROMESA bill and will continue to meet with investors assuring the strength of Guam's outlook.

For more information, please contact Jay Rojas, GEDA Administrator via email at jrojas@investguam.com.

On June 30, 2016, the President signed into law the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (the "Act"). Despite its name, the Act applies to other United States territories, as well as Puerto Rico. The Act defines a "territory" as (A) Puerto Rico, (B) Guam, (C) American Samoa, (D) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and (E) the United States Virgin Islands. Under the Act, an "oversight board" can be established for a territory that is in financial distress. While the Act establishes an oversight board for Puerto Rico, it is not entirely

clear how an oversight board would be established for any other territory.

The legislature or governor of a territory can request the establishment of an oversight board, but action by Congress or the President may be required before an oversight board can be established for any other territory. The Act provides that the purpose of an oversight board is to provide a method for the territory to achieve fiscal responsibility and access to the capital markets.

While the provisions of the Act regarding adjustment of debts include some of the provisions found in the Bankruptcy Code, the provisions of the Act regarding adjustment of debts are not the same as the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Act also establishes an out-of-court process, pursuant to which bondholders and the territory can agree, under the supervision of the oversight board, to modify the terms of bonds issued by the territory. (PR)

Report: US govt provided Guam with \$550M in 2015

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A newly released report from Guam's public auditor says the island received more than \$550 million from the federal government in fiscal 2015.

The report released Friday comes weeks before the Commission on Decolonization is set to discuss whether island residents should be able to decide on the fate of Guam. If put on the November ballot, Guam voters would decide whether the island should seek statehood, free association with the U.S. or exit from the U.S.

Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks said an independent Guam would have trouble affording all the public services it's expected to provide without federal assistance, The *Pacific Daily News* reported.

"The federal government is a major player here," she said.

According to the report, the \$550 million Guam received from the U.S. government accounted for about 45 percent of the \$1.2 billion that the island spent in fiscal 2015.

The federal funds included \$109 million for households

under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$65 million for Guam's public schools and \$29 million for highway-related projects.

Brooks said she has long been an advocate of Guam statehood after "status quo" no longer became part of a future Guam vote on political self-determination.

Victoria Leon Guerrero, co-chair of the independence task force under the Decolonization Commission, is against having the issue on the ballot. She said she doesn't think there is enough time for the public to be educated on the issue to make an informed vote. A vote on political status would be better in two years, she said.

Guerrero said an independent Guam would have several options for providing public services to residents and could expand its economy by opening up shipping, tourism and other trade sectors.

If Guam voters were to vote for independence, Guerrero said, the U.S. is required under international law to ensure a transition period allowing certain forms of assistance to continue.

NAVFAC announces awarding of SDVOSB-MACC contracts

PITI, Guam—Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas announced the award of a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Multiple Award Construction Contract (MACC) to Global Engineering Services Inc., a small business of California; M-80 Systems Inc., a Guam-based small business; Pacific Industrial Coatings, a Guam-based small business; Pearl Construction Environmental Service Inc., a Guam-based small business, and Relyant Global LLC, a small busi-

ness of Tennessee, for construction work primarily on Guam and occasionally in the CNMI.

The five successful offerors were each awarded an indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) construction contract with a combined maximum dollar value of \$30 million that includes a base period and four option years.

Under the terms and conditions of the SDVOSB MACC, these five contractors will compete for work issued as task orders.

The work includes minor renovation/modernization,

routine minor repair/maintenance projects, and will generally include all supervision, labor, safety controls, transportation, materials, equipment, permit and clearances and other incidental work.

"This award demonstrates our strong commitment to provide maximum practicable opportunities for small businesses," said NAVFAC Marianas Deputy for Small Business Al Sampson. "These service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses

will work to meet the Navy's facility needs thereby enhancing quality of life for our

service members and their families."

The first task order was awarded to Relyant Global LLC for approximately \$99,600 to install window shutters for 15 homes located on Naval Base Guam, Apra Harbor. Work for this task order is expected to be completed by February 2017.

The term of the SDVOSB MACC is not to exceed 60 months, with an expected completion date of July 2021. It was competitively procured via the Navy Electronic Commerce Online website with 14 proposals received. (PR)



BOUNTIFUL BEAUTIES

Reigning Miss Marianas Jian Joyner, left, joins this year's Miss Marianas and Miss Teen Marianas candidates and pageant sponsors in last week's press conference at the Marianas Visitors Authority office.

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Life & Style

Traditional teppanyaki experience at Zen

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Zen Teppanyaki Restaurant, a new dining place for relaxation in Garapan, is set to open its doors on July 11 and will showcase traditional teppanyaki cooking complete with the dramatic flare that the Japanese style of cooking is known for.

Japanese chef Naoji Wada will be leading the team behind the iron plate grill and is all set to demonstrate the skills he learned from world-renowned and legendary teppanyaki master chef Takano Setsuo.

Wada arrived on Saipan last May 29 and has been busy training his support staff for more than a month now to prepare them for Monday's opening. He has changed the restaurant's entire menu, while also getting involved with its arrangement and interior design.

"Authentic teppanyaki cooking is you don't burn the oil or butter on the iron grill. You must also avoid putting butter on top of the meat," said Wada, who is slowly learning English.

Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh said they want everything to be different from other teppanyaki restaurants on the island and that's why they made sure Zen would look and feel like an authentic teppanyaki restaurant in Japan.

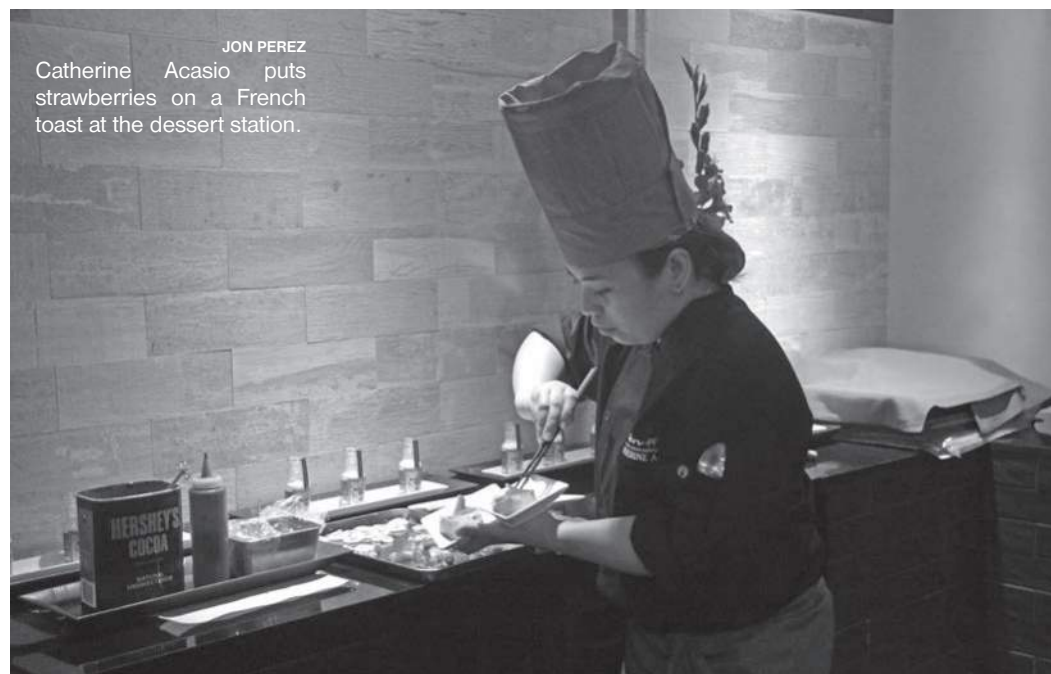
Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd., Mariana Resort's parent company, owns Zen. They decided to bring authentic teppanyaki dining on Saipan with the help of chef Wada, who started as a dishwasher at Hotel Yokohama Kaiyotei before being trained by Setsuo.

"This is a major investment since everything is new. We wanted everything to be perfect, not just the food but the entire environment too. You only have one chance to impress people that's why we're keen on every detail," said Cavanagh.



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Zen's signboard is already an attraction for its customers who want to try authentic teppanyaki-style cooking.



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Catherine Acasio puts strawberries on a French toast at the dessert station.

"We want to bring authentic Japanese teppanyaki experience here on Saipan. All the managers suggested a lot of names before we agreed on Zen. Zen means a lot of things to people, it can be relaxation or enlightenment through meditation."

She added that Wada changed their menu so diners can enjoy good food cooked in front of them and also made some requests with the design.

"Chef Wada, when he arrived, changed the entire menu and requested some changes on the arrangement of the restaurant. It cost us additional money but we want our guests to have an authentic Japanese teppanyaki dining experience."

Construction of the restaurant, located at the corner of Coconut St. and Coffee Tree Mall in the heart of Garapan's tourist district, began in October a few months after Typhoon Soudelor. "We could have started earlier but we can't do anything after the typhoon," said Cavanagh.

Mariana Resort executive chef William Retardo said Zen, for now, will be open for dinner from 6pm to 11pm with plans of adding lunch hours after two months of operation. Zen will be offering set menus or a la carte every night.

"Also, chef Wada made some requests that we change something in the interior, like the tiles. He then trained all staff, old and new. The capacity of the restaurant is for 32 customers, while it can have 45 to 50 every night," added Retardo.

Cavanagh said that another surefire crowd drawer on the new restaurant is the new and different sauces that they want to introduce to the island. "These are some of the authentic Japanese sauces and chef Wada taught the staff how to prepare them from scratch."

Zen held a cocktail party last Saturday for their dry run.

For more information or reservations, call 322-0770.



A sample of the French toast dessert.

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Ed Malabayabas fires up the grill to cook steak.

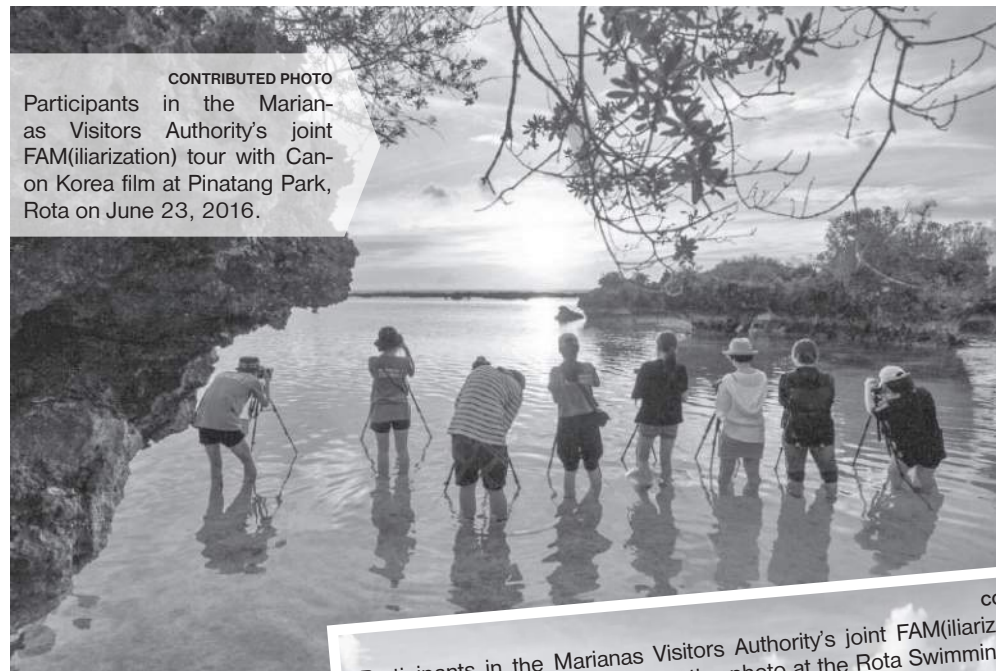
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Manny Pancha is one of the support staff of teppanyaki chef Naoji Wada.

Canon Korea visits Rota, Saipan on MVA FAM tour



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Participants in the Marianas Visitors Authority's joint FAM(iliarization) tour with Canon Korea film at Pinatang Park, Rota on June 23, 2016.



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Participants in the Marianas Visitors Authority's joint FAM(iliarization) tour with Canon Korea take a commemorative photo at the Rota Swimming Hole on June 24, 2016.

In cooperation with global camera brand Canon Korea, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) conducted a mega FAM(iliarization) tour on Rota and Saipan from June 22 to 26, 2016.

The tour was organized to promote and raise awareness of the natural beauty of the Northern Mariana Islands and to attract potential FIT travelers. Thirty five participants in the FAM tour experienced the islands abundant, natural tourism resources and took beautiful landscape pictures of Rota and Saipan, including shoots at Songsong Village Lookout, I Chenchon Bird Sanctuary, Tonga Cave, Teteto Beach, Senbon Yashi, and As Matmos fishing cliff.

Canon, Inc. is a global company with world operations that specializes in the manufacture of imaging and optical products, including cameras, camcorders, photocopiers, medical equipment, and more. Canon's net annual sales average over \$40 billion, and

the company employs nearly 130,000 people worldwide.

"I understand all of the members loved and enjoyed our beautiful scenery here in the Northern Marianas, especially shooting the sunset and later the stars at Micro Beach on Saipan and shooting at Songsong Village Lookout on Rota," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

The group was separated into two teams, the "EOS

80D" team and the "Rota" team.

Each team was given competitive missions, such as best group jump shot in Senbon Yashi and producing a music video using the filming function of EOS 80D. Participants also uploaded photos to their personal blogs and Instagram accounts, providing a great deal of SNS coverage online in Korea.

As a follow-up event, the MVA's office in Korea will

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hold a "Marianas Photo Exhibition" at the Canon PLEX gallery in Seoul from July 25 to Aug. 5, featuring pictures taken by the participants. A Marianas' Best Picture Award

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Wife questions care received at out-of-town walk-in clinic

DEAR ABBY: On a recent trip out of state, my husband became ill. The hotel we stayed in referred us to a nearby urgent care walk-in clinic.

The nurse took his blood pressure, which was very high. The "doctor" never took his temperature or mentioned the high blood pressure to us. He prescribed six drugs and we went on our way. My husband was happy; I was not.

When we returned home, I looked up the doctor's name on the internet. Actually, he was a physician's assistant, not a medical doctor. Abby, what should people do if they become sick while traveling?

TRAVELING MEDICAL EMERGENCY

DEAR T.M.E.: You have asked an excellent question, one that may help many other people.

It is always wise when you travel to bring along a list of any medications you're taking and a copy of your medical records. Medical records are online these days and can be emailed to you upon request. A lot of health insurance companies offer a 24-hour service to call for a referral to a physician in whatever locale you happen to be.

Physician assistants are standard in many areas of the country as long as they are supervised by a physician—and in your husband's case, there should have been an M.D. on the premises. You, as the consumer, have a right to ask ques-

tions. It would not have been out of line to inquire about the certification of the person who was treating your husband, or to ask to see the supervising M.D.

If the medical emergency is dire, take no chances and call 911. If someone is really sick (having chest pains, muscle weakness, trouble speaking), an emergency room is better than an urgent care because more expertise and testing are available onsite.

DEAR ABBY: We are a married male couple. It is always awkward to use the word "husband" when I'm referring to or asked about my spouse, because heterosexuals seem to think that if I have a "husband," then that makes me a "wife." Nope!

I have started using "husband" and not "partner" because we are legally married and have been together for 18 years. Lesbians seem to have no trouble using "wife" when referring to each other. Why then does there seem to be a problem with male couples using "husband and husband" without it seeming awkward for heterosexuals?

I have experienced this problem many times, and so have other male couples we know. Is there another term that's better than "husband"?

PERPLEXED IN PHOENIX

DEAR PERPLEXED: You could use the word "spouse,"

DEAR ABBY

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but using the word "husband" is preferable. ("Partner" may be appropriate, but in my opinion, it does not accurately describe your status as a married person.) People may be jolted to hear married male couples refer to each other as husband because same-sex marriage is still new in many areas of the country.

Personally, I think you should use the word "husband" and be confident in doing so. The more you do, the greater the opportunity for the larger population to become accustomed to hearing it used.

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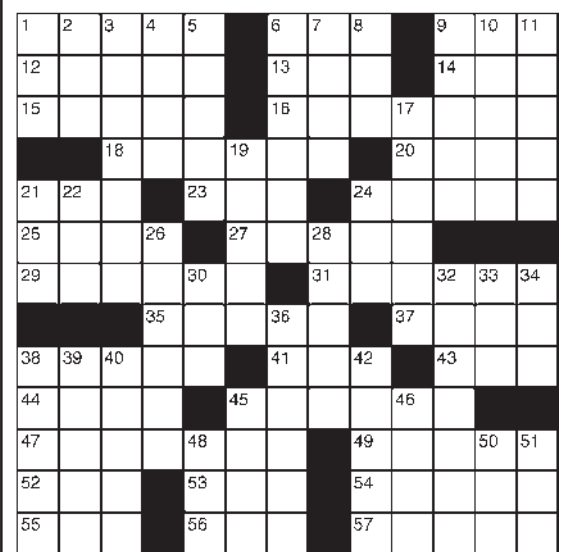
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be torn between what you want to do and what you know you should do. Be responsible and don't fall into an expensive trap. Persuasive tactics will be used to entice you to do things you probably shouldn't.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider what brings you the greatest joy. Don't give in to someone's demands when you should be following your own unique path. An important relationship will either stifle or encourage your success. Change what isn't working.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A last-minute change of plans will turn out in your favor. Accepting the situation will help you move past any roadblocks and on toward what's important to you. Don't give up when you should be assertive and do what's best for you.

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Coming home: Wade leaving Miami for Chicago



MIAMI (AP)—Dwyane Wade is going home, making what he called “an extremely emotional and tough decision” on Wednesday night to leave the Miami Heat after 13 seasons and sign with the Chicago Bulls.

Wade will sign a two-year deal with the Bulls, one that will pay him about \$47 million. Miami offered \$40 million over two years for Wade to stay in the uniform that he’s worn his entire career, the one in which he was an All-Star 12 times, a champion three times and the NBA Finals MVP in 2006 when his rise to superstardom was just truly beginning.

And he’s taken that uniform off now for the final time.

“This was not an easy decision, but I feel I have made the right choice for myself and my family,” Wade wrote in a letter to Miami, released to The Associated Press.

It ends a second consecutive summer of will-he-or-won’t-he talk and worry in Miami, which was able to keep him last summer after contentious negotiations led to a \$20 million, one-year deal. The Heat spoke with him on Wednesday in New York in an effort to keep him, the same day that Wade also took meetings with the Milwaukee Bucks and the Denver Nuggets.

Whether Chicago ever got into the same room with Wade was unclear on Wednesday night. What was clear was that whatever the Bulls said, and however they said it, was enough to get him out of Miami this time, after they missed on him twice before.

And even more clear was that the lure of home—just as it was for Wade’s close friend



LeBron James two years ago, when he left Miami to go back to northeast Ohio and rejoin the Cleveland Cavaliers—was too strong this time to ignore.

“Watching the Bulls growing up inspired me at an early age to pursue my dream of becoming a basketball player,” Wade wrote in the letter. “My most treasured memories were watching my dad play basketball on the courts of Fermi Elementary School and developing my game at the Blue Island Recreation Center. I have never forgotten where I came from and I am thankful to have an opportunity to play for the team that first fueled my love of the game.”

He was beloved in South Florida, where the county was even once renamed “Miami-

Wade County” instead of Miami-Dade for a time in 2010 during the summer when Wade managed to convince Chris Bosh and James to join him and build a team that would go to the NBA Finals four consecutive times. His jersey has been one of the NBA’s biggest sellers for years, even though he never changed cities or numbers. It was always Heat on the front, 3 on the back.

That is, until now.

“Thank you @DwyaneWade for a great 13 yrs!” Heat managing general partner Micky Arison wrote on Twitter. “You’ve had a tremendous impact on our community and our organization. We wish you all the best.”

Wade—who averaged 19 points last season—felt he

was not getting the respect he deserved last summer when he opened talks with the Heat. And then this offseason, the Heat prioritized contract talks with Hassan Whiteside (who has agreed to a \$98 million, four-year deal) and went on an ultimately futile pursuit of Kevin Durant.

The 34-year-old Wade joins a Bulls team that has a new point guard in Rajon Rondo—who Wade has had some on-court heated moments with in the past—and All-Star shooting guard Jimmy Butler. The Bulls have plenty of time to figure out how to make it work, and made two deals on Wednesday night to clear the cap space that will be necessary to sign Wade when the NBA’s offseason moratorium on player move-

ment ends Thursday.

The Bulls sent guard Jose Calderon and two future second-round picks to the Los Angeles Lakers in exchange for the rights to an undetermined player who isn’t currently in the NBA, and also traded Mike Dunleavy to the Cleveland Cavaliers. Both trades were confirmed to the AP on condition of anonymity because they were not immediately finalized.

The Heat surely had a Plan B in case Wade left, but clearly won’t be the same team.

Bosh still faces a most uncertain future because of the blood clots that ended his season at the All-Star break in each of the past two years. Udonis Haslem, Wade’s teammate and co-captain in Miami for all 13 of their pro seasons, may move

AP
In this April 7, 2016, file photo, Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) drives around Chicago Bulls guard Jimmy Butler during an NBA basketball game in Miami. A person with knowledge of the situation tells The Associated Press that Wade has decided to leave the Heat and sign with the Bulls.

elsewhere as well. Of the 14 players who appeared in the 2014 NBA Finals for Miami, only Bosh is under contract with the Heat for next season.

It’s a new day for Wade, which he obviously wanted.

It’s a new era for the Heat, one they surely weren’t ready to see start quite yet. They have young talent in Justise Winslow and Josh Richardson to surround Whiteside with, but it’s hard to envision a Heat team without Wade.

For example, the last time the Heat played a game when Wade wasn’t on the roster, Winslow was 7.

“Never thought I’d see the day DWade wasn’t in Miami. Crazy,” Brooklyn Nets guard Shane Larkin, who played his college basketball at the University of Miami, wrote on Twitter.

Wade is Miami’s career leader in games, minutes, field goals, field goal attempts, free throws, free throw attempts, assists, steals and points. He’s even second in blocked shots, perhaps the most impressive stat of all considering Wade is listed at 6-foot-4 - which is generous.

He did a popular Gatorade ad in 2007 built around a poem he wrote to the game. “From Robbins, Illinois,” is how Wade began that ode, referring to the Chicago suburb where he endured a difficult upbringing and used basketball as his hope for a better life.

Giants have majors’ best record after Cueto beats Rockies



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Johnny Cueto pitched a five-hitter to become the NL’s first 13-game winner, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Colorado Rockies 5-1 on Wednesday night to move atop the major league standings.

San Francisco (54-33) passed the Chicago Cubs (52-32), who lost to the Cincinnati Reds earlier in the day.

Voted to the All-Star Game for the second time and a candidate to start in next week’s Midsummer Classic, Cueto (13-1) allowed one run on seven hits with eight strikeouts and one walk while going the distance for the fourth time this season. The performance gave San Francisco’s slumping bullpen a much-needed break.

Cueto also became the first

Giants pitcher since John Burkett in 1993 to win 13 games before the All-Star break.

Reds 5, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Tucker Barnhart hit a go-ahead, three-run homer off Trevor Cahill in the seventh inning, and Cincinnati gave Chicago its 12th loss in 17 games.

Orioles 6, Dodgers 4, 14 innings

In Los Angeles, Jonathan Schoop doubled in the go-ahead runs with two outs in the 14th inning, lifting Baltimore over Los Angeles in a game that included a stadium-record 36 strikeouts.

Tigers 12, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Nick Castellanos had three hits, including a three-run homer, and tied his career

high with five RBI to lead Detroit and stop Cleveland’s home winning streak at 13.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, Jung Ho Kang drove in two key runs with a seventh-inning double a day after Chicago police said they were investigating an allegation of sexual assault against the infielder, and Pittsburgh got its sixth straight comeback win.

Red Sox 11, Rangers 6

In Boston, David Ortiz reached 20 homers for the 15th consecutive season and drove in three runs, and Steven Wright pitched efficiently into the seventh inning.

Astros 9, Mariners 8

In Houston, Carlos Gomez had three RBI and finished

a home run shy of the cycle and Luis Valbuena hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the eighth inning to help Houston sweep Seattle.

Nationals 7, Brewers 4

In Washington, Bryce Harper hit the first of Washington’s three home runs, and the Nationals returned to form.

Mets 4, Marlins 2

In New York, Wilmer Flores homered twice and Jacob deGrom pitched seven strong innings for New York.

Giancarlo Stanton went deep twice for the second consecutive day to reach 200 homers.

Blue Jays 4, Royals 2

In Toronto, Michael Saunders hit a solo home run in the fourth inning and singled

home the winning run in the eighth as Toronto completed a three-game sweep.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-out double off Kelvin Herrera (1-2) in the eighth and scored when Saunders lined a single to center.

White Sox 5, Yankees 0

In Chicago, Miguel Gonzalez pitched five-hit ball over seven innings for Chicago.

Gonzalez (2-4) matched his longest outing of the season and shut down New York after it pounded out a season-high 20 hits in Tuesday’s 9-0 romp.

Angels 7, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, All-Star Mike Trout homered and Jered Weaver pitched six innings of one-run ball for Los Angeles.

With his 100th hit, Trout became the first player to collect 100 hits and 15 home runs before the All-Star break.

Padres 13, Diamondbacks 6

In Phoenix, Ryan Schimpf homered twice, Yangervis Solarte drove in five runs, three on a homer, and San Diego beat Arizona.

Shelby Miller (2-9) allowed six runs in five innings.

Phillies 4, Braves 3

In Philadelphia, Freddy Galvis hit a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning to lift Philadelphia.

Maikel Franco hit a homer for the fourth straight game.

Twins 4, Athletics 0

In Minneapolis, Ervin Santana struck out eight and walked none in a two-hitter for Minnesota.

Santana (3-7) pitched his eighth shutout and 15th complete game, helping the Twins take two of three from the A’s.

Federer erases 2-set hole, 3 match points at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP)—The match, and Roger Federer's bid for a record eighth Wimbledon championship, essentially should have been over after a little more than 1½ hours Wednesday.

Already trailing two sets to none, he was down love-40 while serving at 3-all in the third.

Once that problem was solved, his quarterfinal against Marin Cilic really could have concluded 45 minutes later, when Federer faced a match point at 5-4 in the fourth. Or 10 minutes and two games later, when Cilic again was a point from winning. Or another 10 minutes after that, when Cilic held a third match point.

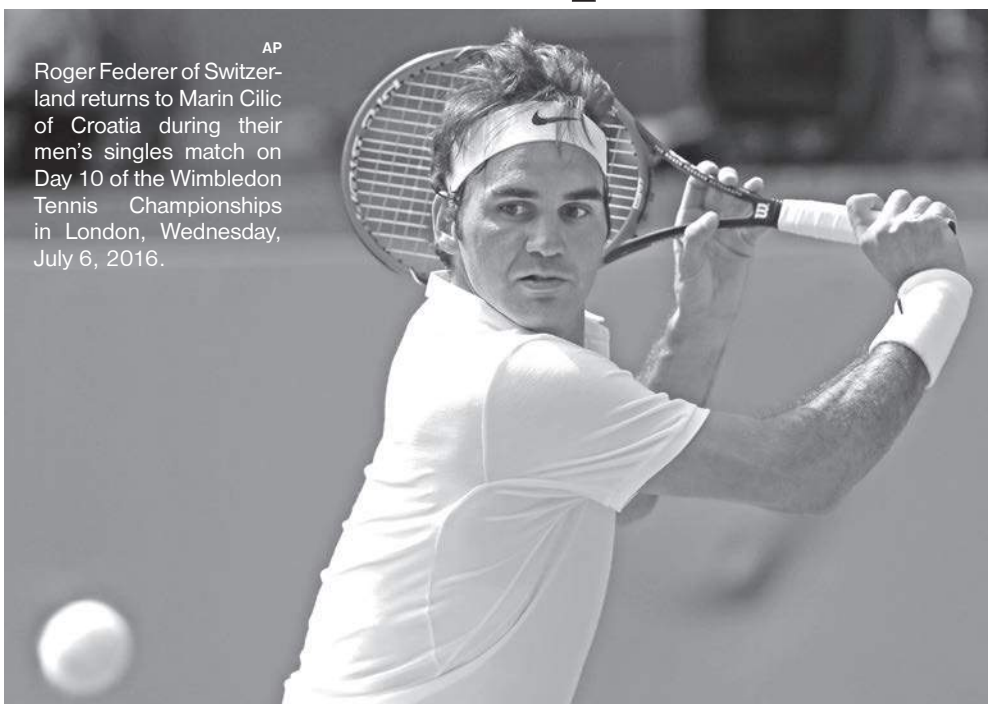
Through it all, Federer, a month shy of his 35th birthday, would not go away. And

Cilic, who beat Federer in straight sets en route to the 2014 U.S. Open title, could not close the deal. Saving that trio of match points, Federer eventually emerged with a don't-look-away-or-you'll-miss-something 6-7 (4), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (9), 6-3 victory over Cilic to reach his 11th semifinal at the All England Club.

"I fought, I tried, I believed," Federer said after his 10th career comeback from a two-set hole, equaling the most on record. "At the end, I got it done."

Indeed, he did. When he capped his escape with a pair of aces at 126 mph and 115 mph, the third-seeded Federer thrust both arms overhead and violently wagged his right index finger. He's no longer ranked No. 1. He

AP
Roger Federer of Switzerland returns to Marin Cilic of Croatia during their men's singles match on Day 10 of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Wednesday, July 6, 2016.



hasn't won a Grand Slam trophy since 2012. He dealt with knee surgery and a bad

back this season, the first since 2000 that he arrived at Wimbledon without a title. He sat out the French Open, the first major he missed since 1999, raising doubts about his readiness for Wimbledon.

"To test the body, to be out there again fighting, being in a physical battle - and winning it - is an unbelievable feeling," said Federer, who could become the oldest man to win a major since Ken Rosewall did it at 37 at the 1972 Australian Open. "Yeah, I mean, it was an emotional win."

On Friday, Federer faces No. 6 Milos Raonic, a 6-4, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 winner against No. 28 Sam Querrey, the man who surprised No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the third round.

Raonic, beaten by Federer in the 2014 Wimbledon semifinals, declared: "I'm happy that I have another shot at him."

On the other half of the draw, No. 2 Andy Murray, the 2013 champion, barely avoided the same fate as Cilic and

held off No. 12 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-6 (10), 6-1, 3-6, 4-6, 6-1. Murray's seventh Wimbledon semifinal will come against No. 10 Tomas Berdych, who eliminated No. 32 Lucas Pouille 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2.

It'll be tough for any remaining match to achieve the intensity of Federer vs. Cilic.

Both served supremely well for stretches. Federer led in aces, 27-23, was broken only once, and in the last two sets, altered his stance on returns to get a better read on the ninth-seeded Cilic's speedy serves. There was a lot of quick-strike tennis, yes, but still room for lengthy, engaging points. There were rare signs of frustration from Federer, who swatted a ball angrily after one fault, then gave a line judge a talking-to about a call.

Most memorable, though, were Cilic's wasted opportunities, starting at 3-3 in the

third set.

"That switched, a little bit, the momentum," conceded Cilic, who was 52-0 at majors after taking the first two sets.

He earned three break points by smacking a forehand passing winner. On the first, looking tight, Cilic netted a backhand. On the second, he sent a forehand long, and Federer let out a guttural yell. On the third, Cilic's backhand return went wide, and Federer shouted again. Federer took the next two points to hold, and at the ensuing changeover, fans chanted: "Let's go, Roger! Let's go!"

Seemingly all 15,000 or so spectators at Centre Court willed Federer on, rising to their feet and roaring louder with each game—and, sometimes, each point—that went their man's way.

"Roger is very liked everywhere, especially here. ... But it didn't bother me," Cilic said. "Obviously, in some situations, it can help him."

In the next game, Cilic double-faulted to let Federer break for the first time, and soon the 17-time major champion was shaking his right fist, celebrating. Finally, a set belonged to him. Plenty of work remained: those match points in the fourth set, all on Federer's serve.

At 30-40 in the 10th game, a gutsy 104 mph second serve drew a long forehand return from Cilic.

At 30-40 in the 12th game, Federer conjured up a 120 mph ace.

And at 7-6 in the ensuing tiebreaker, Federer again didn't hold back on a second serve, this one at 108 mph, and Cilic flubbed a forehand return, this one into the net.

Jon Jones off UFC 200 card after apparent doping violation

LAS VEGAS (AP)—UFC interim light heavyweight champion Jon Jones was notified of a potential doping violation Wednesday night, ruling him out of his bout with Daniel Cormier in the main event of UFC 200.

A grim-faced UFC President Dana White announced the dramatic change three days before the mixed martial arts promotion's landmark show.

"He's got the chance to prove himself innocent before being called guilty," White said. "But if it's true, it's obviously super disappointing."

Jones tested positive for an unspecified banned substance in an out-of-competition sample taken June 16 by USADA, which administers the promotion's anti-drug policy. While Jones is con-

sidered the top pound-for-pound fighter in MMA, he has apparently failed drug tests around two of his past three scheduled fights.

Brock Lesnar's heavyweight bout with Mark Hunt is UFC 200's new main event at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. Lesnar's much-anticipated return from a 4 1/2-year MMA absence was previously the penultimate bout on the star-studded pay-per-view card assembled by the UFC for its biggest event of the summer.

White said he doesn't know what substance was detected in Jones' test, but acknowledged that this violation could lead to a multiyear suspension for one of the UFC's biggest stars.

After Jones beat Cormier by clear decision in their first

meeting in January 2015, the UFC announced that Jones had tested positive for apparent cocaine use before the fight. The detected cocaine metabolite was not banned for out-of-competition use by the Nevada Athletic Commission, which claimed it couldn't stop him from fighting.

But Jones' behavior outside the cage repeatedly has hampered his meteoric rise inside his sport. Shortly after his first positive drug test, he was suspended for several months in 2015 due to his involvement in a hit-and-run accident in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the upstate New York native lives and trains.

Jones' manager, Malki Kawa, didn't immediately return a message Wednesday night.



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LYON, France (AP)—Cristiano Ronaldo had just propelled Portugal into another European Championship finals when he made for Gareth Bale, shared a long conversation with his Real Madrid teammate and gave him a sympathetic hug.

The battle of the superstar forwards turned into a one-man show - and, as ever, it was Ronaldo taking center stage.

By thumping home a header and setting up strike partner Nani for the second goal, Ronaldo delivered two blows in three minutes to lead Portugal to a 2-0 win over Wales in the Euro 2016 semifinals on Wednesday.

Ronaldo—a serial winner in individual and team prizes in club football—will get another chance to win his first trophy on the international stage when Portugal meets either France or Germany in Sunday's final at the Stade de France.

"I've always said my dream was to win a trophy with Portugal," Ronaldo said. "We're closer to doing it and I believe that we'll win."

Portugal last competed in a final at Euro 2004, when

Ronaldo leads Portugal into Euro finals

the team surprisingly lost on home soil to Greece. A 19-year-old Ronaldo shed tears after that match, but he has managed to lead a much weaker side to another international showpiece.

"Portugal are not just about Cristiano Ronaldo, we are a team," Ronaldo said. "But I was able to score today and I've helped the team get to the final."

Ronaldo equaled France great Michel Platini's record of nine goals in European Championship football when he timed a prodigious leap to perfection and planted home a header in the 50th minute.

The three-time world player of the year then sent in a long-range shot that Nani, finding space in between defenders, diverted into the net on the slide from 10 meters.

Despite Bale's best efforts—again, he was his team's top performer—and a solid first-half display, Wales' unlikely run at only its second ever major tournament ended in the semifinals. The loss of mid-



fielder Aaron Ramsey through suspension proved to be costly for the Welsh, and Bale couldn't do it all on his own.

This could have been the match where Bale, football's most expensive player, emerged from Ronaldo's shadow. That will have to wait.

"He is a natural goal-scorer and he scored yet again," Bale said of Ronaldo. "It's

not about them, it's about us. We're disappointed but we'll pick ourselves up."

Competing in its first tournament since the 1958 World Cup, Wales—a rugby-mad nation of 3 million people—has been one of the most popular stories of Euro 2016, topping its group and then beating highly fancied Belgium in the

quarterfinals.

But the Welsh had no response once Portugal forged ahead after its one-two punch. Portugal hadn't previously won a match in regulation 90 minutes in France, yet there would be no late drama here thanks to Ronaldo.

The owner of the best leap in world football, Ronaldo

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, right, is held by Wales' Ashley Williams during the Euro 2016 semifinal soccer match at the Grand Stade in Decines-Charpieu, near Lyon, France, Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

timed his jump perfectly and headed home left back Raphael Guerreiro's cross off a short-corner routine. Wales defender James Chester was blindsided by Ronaldo, who scored his third goal of the tournament—one less than France forward Antoine Griezmann.

It was telling that when they needed to chase the game, the Welsh could only throw on a striker from the third tier of English football - Simon Church.

There were a couple of half-chances for Wales late on, but Portugal could have doubled the margin of victory by the end, with Joao Mario hitting the post with one of the chances on the breakaway.

Nick Sablan dominates SGA May Ace



Nick Sablan was on target during the Saipan Golfers Association's May Ace of the Month held last month at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

On top of clinching the May Ace of the Month title, Sablan also won three closest to the pin contests and had one longest drive.

The 5-handicapper shot a 36 and 39 on the front and back nines for a gross 75 and net 70. He won the May Ace award by three strokes, as runner-up Steve Balakrishna came up with a net 73. Balakrishna, which owned an 8 handicap, had a gross 81, built around his 43 on the front nine and 38 on the back. CNMI Attorney General Ed Manibusan, who also had a 5 handicap, finished third with his net 74 and gross 79 (40 and 39).

In the closest to the pin com-



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Participants in SGA's May Ace of the Month pose for a photo before heading out to the course at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort last month.

petitions in par-3 holes, Sablan won on No. 4, 6, and 15, while Manibusan foiled the former's bid for a sweep, prevailing on hole No. 11. Sablan also had the longest drive on No. 18, while Rick Kautz duplicated

the feat on No. 7.

Meanwhile, SGA will have its June Ace of the Month this Sunday at the Kingfisher Golf Links. Show time is at 8:30am, while tee off is an hour later. (Saipan Tribune)

after getting training tips from my friends. I trained very hard for this bout. I'll fight to the end and prove that my win against him in 2011 is no fluke. Roque is a good fighter so I can not underestimate him," Fitial said.

Fitial and Martinez met in yesterday's weigh-in at the Pacific Islands Club's amphitheater and engaged in a shouting match after both fighters made the weight. Fitial tipped the scale at 253lbs, while Martinez recorded 247.6lbs.

A very eager Martinez was overheard (PXC 54 video)

yelling to Fitial "I'm coming for you boy."

Martinez holds a 9-4-1 record going into his third duel against the CNMI fighter and has won his last four fights with the recent one against Japan's Takaaki Oban via TKO (punches) in the second round of their heavyweight bout in PXC 52 last March 18.

Meanwhile, Fitial would like to thank Best Sunshine International, Go See Mark/Mark Sablan, Saipan Apparel, his Hoops family and friends, and wife Yuline for supporting his MMA return.

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She made it to the singles finals of the Oceania Open Junior Championships in Lautoka and in the singles and doubles finals of the Open Junior BNP PARIBAS de Nouvelle-Caledonie in Noumea. She was a quarterfinalist in another ITF Juniors event in Fiji and earned 80 ranking points (singles and doubles) to enter the Top 500 ranking (No. 443) in the world.

Lee's fellow junior ten-

nis player Schorr shared the NMSA Male Student Athlete of the Month award with Castillo. Schorr was selected for ruling the boys U14 singles and doubles events in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships which Saipan hosted. Castillo, on the other hand, was picked for winning gold medals in the boys U18's 100m and 200m races in last month's Micronesian Athletics Championships held in Pohnpei.

Sapong also competed in the MAC and her two gold

medals (100m and 200m), one silver, and two bronzes earned her the NMSA Female Athlete of the Month. With her five-medal haul in Pohnpei, the Marianas High School graduate was named MAC's Outstanding Female Athlete.

Welch did not medal in the Oceania Swimming Championships held in Fiji, but his seven personal best times were enough to earn the nod of NMSA members, who handed him the Male Athlete of the Month award during the group's meeting last night.

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out also had a string of 7 markers midway in the second half to complete Jonah's breakaway, while Saipan Southern High School's Cruz made 8 of their team's first 12 markers in the final frame.

Darag and Cruz outgunned Ezra's Jerald Santiago and Nathan Borromeo, who combined for 52 points. Santiago paced Ezra with his 32 markers, while Borromeo chipped in 20.

In the first game, Haoyu Chen sizzled for 31 points to power Nahum to an 18-point victory. Chen drew enough support from Chris Sacdalan and Jason Wang to help Nahum snap its losing skid. Sacdalan contributed 26 points, while Wang registered 12.

Davean Gonzales had 17 to lead Haggai, which remained winless in three games. B.L. Chen, Teemo Wang, and Seth Alonzo also finished in twin digits for Haggai, tallying 15, 14, and 10, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the lone

game in the adults division last Tuesday, Jeremiah blew past Daniel, 83-67.

Michael Cabanas did most of the damage for Jeremiah, as he exploded for 45 points. Isagani Cortez and Fred Fatialofa backed him up, recording 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Jeremiah zoomed to a 47-24 halftime lead and withstood the repeated rallies of Daniel, which brought the deficit down to seven, but still fell short in the end. Marlo Ibanez and Jonathan Ibanjan had 16 points apiece for Daniel.

With the victory, Jeremiah finished the round-robin regular season with a 5-2 record for second place behind Samuel, which was gunning for a seven-game sweep against Gideon (4-2) in the final preliminary match last night.

Daniel dropped to a 2-5 mark for seventh place. Ezekiel (4-3), Caleb (3-4), Joshua (2-5), and Isaiah (0-7) complete the standings. All eight teams will advance to the single-elimination playoff round, which will be played once the

second round of the youth division is completed.

YOUTH First Game

Nahum 81—Chen 31, Sacdalan 26, Wang 12, Cai 8, Bacani 2, Tenorio 2.

Haggai 63—Gonzales 17, Chen 15, Wang 14, Alonzo 10, Del Carmen 7.

Scoring by halves: 41-32, 81-63.

Second Game

Jonah 86—Cruz 36, Darag 32, Cabrera 8, Ponce 6, Marcellana 4.

Ezra 65—Santiago 32, Borromeo 20, Sumpay 8, Buno 4, De Jose 1.

Scoring by halves: 39-30, 86-65.

ADULTS

Jeremiah 83 — Cabanas 45, Cortez 17, Fatialofa 16, Buniag 3.

Daniel 67 — Ibanez 16, Ibanjan 16, Morales 10, Calibo 9, Rabago 5, Borja 4, Abe 2.

Scoring by halves: 47-24, 83-67.

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loss-draw record going into his third meeting against Martinez. Of those wins, nine came via knockouts, while his losses were mostly from his reckless moves around the eight sides.

"Kel was young then, throwing lots of wild punches, but when you see him today, he's a lot different. He's more focused and knows how to use his strengths. He knows what it takes to win against Martinez," Arriola added.

"I have better stamina now

CNMI vs Mongolia in EAFF E-1 Football Championship Round 1

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The starting 11 of the CNMI Men's National Team pose for a photo before their game against Mongolia in the EAFF E-1 Football Championship Round 1 last Monday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center. Mongolia won, 8-0.



The CNMI's Darin Kaizer leaps for a header to clear the ball against Mongolia.



The CNMI's Michah Griffin looks for an opportunity to shoot as he is pressured by Mongolian defenders.



Mongolia's Oyunbat Bayarjargal attempts for a shot against three CNMI defenders.



The CNMI's Michah Griffin performs warm-up drills during their training session.



The CNMI's Enrico Del Rosario gets ahead of Mongolia's Battur Davaajav as they battle for the ball.



Mongolia's Munkh-Erdene Tsagaantsooj wins a header over the CNMI's Trey Dunn.



The CNMI's Hunter Jewell waits for a pass from his teammate during a warm-up drill.



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Fitial eyes repeat vs Martinez

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The CNMI's Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial makes his MMA comeback and hopes to pick up where he left off as he duels Guam's Roque Martinez in the battle of heavy-weights in tonight's PXC 54 at the University of Guam Calvo Field House.

Fitial will be facing Martinez for the third time and eyes a repeat of his TKO win (punches and elbows) over the Guam fighter when



they last met in 2011 in PXC 24. The 32-year-old Fitial pulled the plug on Martinez at the 4:52 mark of the fourth round of their five-round bout held in the

Philippines, making up for the disappointing result (draw) of their first collision in PXC 22 in January 2011.

After his victory over Martinez, Fitial left the octagon cage to take care of his ailing mother—Maria—who passed away a few years ago.

"This fight is for my mom, I will win for her and for the people who have been supporting me and helping me get back in shape," said Fitial, who went through an extensive training regimen under the guidance of James Lee and Jerry Diaz.

Fitial's manager and friend—Ed Arriola—said a different Kelvin will be facing Martinez.

"He is a stronger, wiser, and better fighter," Arriola said.

The CNMI bet holds a 13-7-2 win-

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PACIFIC XTREME COMBAT

The CNMI's Kelvin Fitial flexes his muscles during the weigh-in for PXC 54 yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club's amphitheater. Fitial will face Guam's Roque Martinez tonight.

Nahum, Jonah rout opponents



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A Nahum player is hounded by Haggai defenders during the first half of their game in the youth division of the Gen Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Nahum and Jonah waltzed past their respective foes in the youth division of the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League.

In the first game last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, Nahum pounded Haggai, 81-63, to enter the win column after three matches. In the second tiff, Jonah topped Ezra, 86-65,

handing the latter its first defeat in four games. Jonah improved to a 2-1 record for a share of second place with idle Joel, while Ezra kept the No. 1 spot with its 3-1 slate.

Jethro Cruz and Sam Darag teamed up in Joel's 21-point win over Ezra. They alternately peppered Ezra with triples and layups with Cruz eventually top-scoring for Jonah with his 36 points. Darag added 32, making 8 of Jonah's last 10 points. The Marianas High School stand-

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CNMI All-Stars lead NMSA awardees for June

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The CNMI All-Star Team was among the Northern Marianas Sports Association's awardees for June.

The selection was named Team of the Month after winning the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic. The squad was composed of Jesus, Juan, Mike, and Lamar Iguel, Brian Camacho, Ben Jones, Verlance Secharmidal, Peter Lieto, Nokki Saralu, Anthony Tenorio, Byron Kaipat, Pat Alepuyo, Tyrone Omar, Mike Muna Jr., John Tudela, Joe Palacios, Giovanni Mira, Frankie Lieto, Peter Tomokane, and A.J., Henry Jr., Jose, and Jeffrey Lizama. Henry Lizama was the manager, while Manny Sablan and Luis Iguel were the coaches.

The CNMI-All Stars took the MBC championships after pulling off a come-from-behind 15-14 win over Guam in the finals. The Commonwealth sluggers were once down by 11 runs in the finale,

but managed to send the game in extra inning after rallying at the bottom of the ninth before stealing the victory in the 10th. The team went undefeated in the inaugural tournament, beating Kosrae, Guam, and Palau in the preliminary round. In

the semis, the CNMI All-Stars also downed Guam, 15-5, to head to the finals first.

Meanwhile, swimmer Salofi Welch, runners Jerald Castillo and Zari-nae Sapong, and tennis players Carol Lee and Robbie Schorr were the other June awardees.

Lee was the unanimous winner of the Female Student Athlete of the Month plum for her impressive showings in ITF Juniors ranking tournaments in Fiji and New Caledonia.

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The CNMI All-Stars huddle before heading out to the field during their title game against Guam in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.